

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

December 10, 1948

TO: Washington Field

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of the evidence received from your office on December 10, 1948.

SAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

76-1333

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Examination requested by Washington Field

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by Letter *10-14-48 TAB/bs*

Reference:

Letter dated December 10, 1948

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K18

Letter on letterhead of "Office of the Solicitor General, Washington, D. C." dated July 31, 1936 bearing known typewriting specimen, *Q* beginning: "I herewith tender my resignation", and signed WALTER HISS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimen K18, which is listed above, is not the same as any of the typewriting which has been previously submitted and designated as Q65 through Q69 and Q674 through Q681.

The evidence, K18, was returned to the Washington Field Office by an agent of that office. K18 was photographed.

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Re: *Jay David Whittaker Chambers*
Perjury; Espionage - R.

File # 76-1333

Lab. # *D-88668*

Examination requested by: SAC, Washington Field

Date of reference communication: *12-10-48*

Date received: 12-10-48

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Feehan

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Specimens submitted for examination

K18 ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Letter on letterhead of "Office of the Solicitor General,
Washington, D.C." dated July 31, 1936 bearing known typewriting specimens.

beginning ~~The Honorable, The Attorney General~~

*"I herewith tender my resignation," and signed
"alger Hiss."*

*Given to SA. Tom Mendenhall
Wash. Field 12/10/48.*

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Given to Tom Mendenhall.

Dec. 10, 1948

Submitted (Dated July 31, 1948)
Rec'd 10, 1948.
personally
by S. A. Mendenhall.

W
SAC, Philadelphia

February 11, 1949

Director, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ET AL.
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE - R
Bu File 74-1333

Reurlet attention FBI Laboratory January 21, last, enclosing a letter dated October 20, 1948, from Alger Hiss to the Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong.

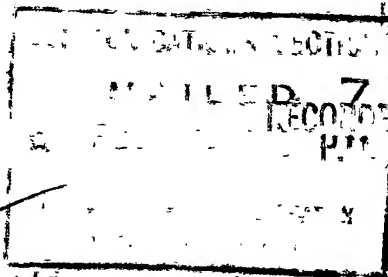
The letter to Rev. Armstrong is enclosed herewith in accordance with your request. You should incorporate the pertinent portions of this letter in your next investigative report.

Enclosure

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 18, 1949

FROM : *EJ* SAC, New YorkSUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Et Al;
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.

Re Bureau teletype January 18, 1949 to New York. In accordance with reference teletype there are being enclosed herewith for the Chicago office two photographs of DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, Wa: DAVID CARPENTER, for exhibition to .

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CC: Chicago (Air Mail Special Delivery)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 24, 1949

FROM: SAC, Albany

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was.;
 ALGER HISS, ET AL
 PERJURY
 ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to Albany teletype to the Director and SACS, New York, Newark and Washington Field Office dated January 19, 1949.

- ⑥ The above teletype states that HANS INSLERMAN, the brother of FELIX INSLERMAN, resides at East Borne Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey and is alleged to be employed as a Civil Service employee of the U. S. Army as a radio engineer at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

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As a matter of possible interest, HANS INSLERMAN holds amateur radio station and operator's license W2CPL with an address at 237 East Borne Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey. Due to the ease of transmission of information over extreme distances by way of amateur radio, the above is being called to your attention.

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cc: New York
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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R, IS DASH R.
CHAMBERS PRESENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM ONE PM UNTIL SIX THIRTY PM TODAY AND ASSISTED
WFO AGENTS DURING THIS TIME. FIVE FORMER MAIDS OF ALGER HISS HAD OPPORTUNITY OF
VIEWING CHAMBERS, BUT ONLY ONE RECOGNIZED HIM. CLAUDIE CATLETT, MAID FROM APPROXIMATELY
NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE UNTIL SOMETIME IN THIRTYEIGHT OR THIRTYNINE, RECOGNIZED HIM AND
ASSOCIATED HIM WITH HISS RESIDENCE AT TWENTYNINE ZERO FIVE P STREET, NORTHWEST. SHE
SAYS THAT SHE MAY HAVE SEEN HIM AT THE OTHER ADDRESSES, BUT DOES NOT RECALL IT AND
WOULD NOT HAVE PAID ANY ATTENTION TO HIM AFTER SEEING HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME. CHAMBERS
DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE MAIDS. CHAMBERS AND CATLETT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME
RECALLING INCIDENTS OF MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE PERTAINING TO THE HISSES. CATLETT RECALLS
RED RUG IN CLOSET OF HISS RESIDENCE ON THIRTIETH STREET AND RECALLS THAT MRS.
HISS DID NOT USE THE RUG AT THIS ADDRESS, AND MRS. HISS STATED THAT IT WAS NOT
THEIR RUG. WHEN HISS MOVED TO THE VOLTA PLACE ADDRESS, THIS RUG WAS PLACED IN
THE ROOM OF TIMOTHY HOBSON WHICH ROOM IS LOCATED IN ATTIC. CHAMBERS BELIEVES THIS
RUG IS THE ONE HE PRESENTED TO HISS. CATLETT RECALLS AN INCIDENT WHEREBY AN
UNIDENTIFIED MAN INQUIRED FOR ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS WHEN THE HISSES RESIDED ON
VOLTA PLACE, NORTHWEST DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON. CATLETT RECALLS THAT HISSES WERE AWAY
AND THAT THE MAN CAME THERE TWICE IN THE EVENING INQUIRING FOR THEM. SHE IS UNABLE
TO STATE THAT THIS MAN WAS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, BUT DEFINITELY RECALLS INCIDENT AS
SHE CONSIDERED A VISIT OF THIS NATURE UNUSUAL. FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, THIS

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PROBABLY OCCURRED DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON OF THIRTYEIGHT. WHO CONDUCTING IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO DEFINITELY ESTABLISH TENURE OF CATLETTS SERVICE AS MAID.

ADDITIONAL MAIDS WILL OBSERVE CHAMBERS FEBRUARY TWO. EXHAUSTIVE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF ANY ADDITIONAL MAIDS EVER EMPLOYED BY HISS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAMBERS ALSO TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED TWO APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN LINCOLN PARK AREA OF WASHINGTON, ONE OF WHICH POSSIBLY USED BY DAVID CARPENTER, WA. ZILBERMAN. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY TO ASCERTAIN OCCUPANTS OF THESE BUILDINGS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. QUESTIONS WERE ALSO DIRECTED TO CHAMBERS CONCERNING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF ALGER AND PRESCILLA HISS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD IN WASHINGTON. THIS QUESTIONING NOT COMPLETED AND WILL BE CONTINUED FEBRUARY TWO AT WHICH TIME CHAMBERS WILL ALSO IDENTIFY RESIDENCES IN GEORGETOWN, WASHINGTON AREA.

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SECURITY DIVISION - FBI

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TO:

✓ Director

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_____ Miss Gandy	
_____ Mr. Nease	_____ Mr. Sanders
_____ Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____ Foreign Service Desk
_____ Mr. Nease	
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_____ Mr. J. A. Carlson	_____ See Me
_____ Mr. E. J. McCabe	_____ Call Me
	_____ Appropriate action
_____ Miss Artley	_____ Note & return
_____ Mrs. Metcalf	_____ Send file
	_____ Bring up-to-date
	_____ Correct
_____ Mrs. Davidson	_____ Re-date
	_____ Please initial & return
_____ Chief Clerk's Off.	_____ Place on record & return
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_____ Technical Lab.	

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 1, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, etal
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet January 3, 1949 and Butel to Philadelphia, New York and Newark January 24, 1949.

There is transmitted with this letter photographic copies of ALGER HISS which photographs were taken on August 21, 1934 by Harris and Ewing, local photographers, 1313 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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The attached copies were reproduced by the Bureau Photographic Laboratory and were made from photographs which were furnished by CLAIRE GRAMLING, Assistant Manager, Harris and Ewing. To date this office has been unable to obtain photographs of HISS during the period around 1937, however, in the event such photographs are located they will be immediately made available to the Bureau and the interested offices.

ENCLOSURE BEHIND FILE

Enclosures

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Alger Hiss Photograph

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

SAC, Washington

February 2, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on January 31, 1949.

Re:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
with aliases
ALGER HISS, et al
Perjury; Espionage - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by:

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

RECORDED - 61

71-94
71-1133 - 1569
D-93911 BU

Reference:

Washington

Examination requested:

Letter dated 1-20-49

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by Letter

Allen Weinstein
10-16-74 THB/bcl

Specimens:

Document

K382 Voucher For Per Diem And/or Reimbursement of Expenses Incident To Official Travel, number 1097, dated June 10, 1945, in the name of ALGER HISS in connection with his attendance at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, California, attached to which is a white slip headed "Per diem per diem payments by G. F. Allen- Symbol 113-1760 as follows":

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type K382 was not used to type 66 through 69. It was also concluded that K382 was not typed on the machine which was used to type 65.

The estimated evidence will be returned to the Washington field as soon as photographs have been made.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.;
ALGER HISS, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 28, 1949

93911

ReBulet 1/13/49 requesting this office to obtain from the State Department the personnel file, administrative file, and any other files relating to the employment of ALGER HISS, such as annual and sick leave.

Attention is directed to the letter dated December 20, 1948 from this office transmitting six expense vouchers obtained from the State Department, five of which were submitted by ALGER HISS and the other by his brother DONALD HISS.

Enclosed herewith is expense voucher #4097, dated June 30, 1945 which was submitted by ALGER HISS in connection with his attendance at the United Nations conference in San Francisco, California. This was made available to Special Agent J. J. CANAVAN, by Mr. W. E. BESSER, Finance Division, State Department. He advised that no other expense vouchers which HISS might have submitted could be located.

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It is requested that when this voucher has been reviewed by the Bureau that it be returned to this office.

The State Department has been requested to furnish the leave records of ALGER HISS and these will be transmitted as soon as received.

ENCL The State Department personnel and Security files pertaining to HISS have already been furnished to the Bureau.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

February 2, 1949

To:

SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 1, 1949.

Re:

JAY DAVID MIYTAGER CHAMBERS
with aliases, et al
Perjury; Espionage - R
Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

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Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

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Examination requested:

Letter dated 1-20-49

by letter

Allen Weinstein
10-16-74 THB/bcs

Specimens:

Document

- K389 Assignment Separate From Certificate form of one share of capital stock of the Second Avenue Rail Road Company, certificate number 6217, dated June 17, 1944, signed CATHERINE Q. HISS, in the presence of DONALD HISS.
- K390 Typewritten letter dated June 20, 1944, to Mr. HERMAN ALLACH, beginning "Dear HERMAN: In respect to the securities in...", signed in ink DONALD HISS.

Result of Examination

The conclusion is that the machines which were used to type K389 and K390 were not used to type Q6 through Q69. It was also concluded that none of the machines typed K389 and K390 was used to type Q5.

The submitted evidence will be returned to the New York office as soon as photographic copies have been made.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
ATT. FBI Laboratory

DATE: January 28, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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There are enclosed herewith two typewritten specimens typed by DONALD and CATHERINE HISS and obtained from the file of the Gruntal and Company, 30 Broad Street, New York City, a stock brokerage firm. These specimens are to be compared with the questioned specimens in this case and are to be returned to this office so that they can be returned to Gruntal and Company.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

February 2, 1949

SAC, Baltimore

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination requested by your office with letter dated January 28, 1949.

Re:

RAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS
with aliases, et al
Perjury; Espionage - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

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Examination requested by:

Baltimore

Reference:

Letter dated 1-28-49

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

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by Letter 10-16-74 THB/bcs

Request of comparison of Kq391 with questioned material.

Kq391 Typewritten letter from HIRS to EDWARD E. CASE, dated May 28, 1936, beginning "I have delayed answering your letter...", ending "... It will not inconvenience you to keep them until then", signed ALGER HIRS.

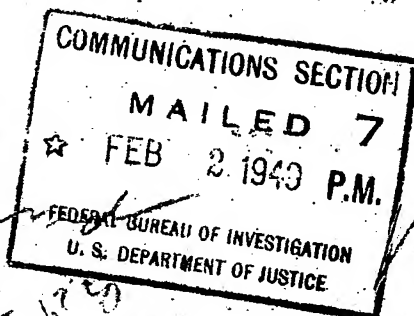
Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type Kq391 was not used to type Q6 through Q69. It was also concluded that Kq391 was not typed on the machine which was used to type Q5.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 1/28/49

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Presley
Greenham

Re Baltimore letter to Bureau dated 1/19/49, regarding the possibility of obtaining additional typewritten specimens pertinent to this case from the correspondence between ALGER HISS and EDWARD WILLIAM CASE, real estate agent of Westminster, Maryland.

The results of such investigation by the Baltimore Office are set out in the report of SA WILLIAM C. PFEIFFER, dated 1/28/49 at Baltimore. Such investigation has developed that there was probably only one typewritten letter from HISS to CASE, that letter being dated 5/28/36, beginning, "I have delayed answering your letter" and ending ". . . . it will not inconvenience you to keep them until then." A photostatic copy of this letter was enclosed to the Bureau with the report of SA H. EDGAR LENTZ, dated 9/10/48, at Baltimore, in the case entitled, "J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, wa; ALGER HISS; PERJURY," Baltimore file 74-6.

It is requested that the Laboratory compare the photostatic copy of the above described letter with the questioned documents in instant case. It is possible that the Laboratory, even in the absence of the original, may be able to determine whether there is any possibility that this letter could have been written on the same typewriter as the questioned documents. If such determination cannot be made and this letter cannot be positively eliminated by the Laboratory without access to the original, the New York Office may be able to obtain the original which is believed to be presently in the possession of Mr. EDWARD C. McLEAN, attorney for ALGER HISS, who is associated with the law firm, Debevoise, Plimpton, and McLean of New York City. The original letter was probably forwarded to Mr. McLean by Mr. WILLIAM L. MARBURY, Baltimore attorney for HISS.

The examination is requested as outlined herein because Mr. MARBURY has already told Baltimore agents that if he had the original letter, he did not think he would turn it over to the Bureau and, likewise, would not accommodate the Bureau if he were in Mr. McLEAN's position. Accordingly, if the Laboratory can make a satisfactory identification or elimination by using the photostatic copy which is already available, no need will arise to make a possible issue of obtaining the original.

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cc: New York

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

February 2, 1949

SAC, Little Rock

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on February 1, 1949.

Re:

JAY DAVID WEINSTEIN; CHARGED
with aliases, et al
Perjury; Espionage -- R
Internal Security -- R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

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Examination requested by:

Reference:

Little Rock

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by Letter 10-16-74 THB/bcs

Examination requested:

Letter dated 1-31-49

Specimens:

Document

K392 Specimens from Modetook typewriter with serial number 580722131.

Also submitted: Three sheets of carbon paper.

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type
K392 was not used to type Q6 through Q9. It was also concluded that
K392 was not typed on the machine which was used to type Q5.

The submitted evidence is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 31, 1949

FROM : *agf* SAC, Little RockSUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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Rebutel to all SAC'S dated 1-11-49, and

teletype from Kansas City dated 1-25-49. ~~DISPATCHED RECORDING~~ *B*

Referenced teletype from Kansas City reflects that O. S. TREGLER, Ozark Typewriter Company, Springfield, Missouri, advised that he had sold Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E to DON MATTHEWS, Yellville, Arkansas, on February 10, 1940. The Kansas City Field Office requested that this office locate this typewriter and obtain specimens of the type of the machine.

K 392. Mr. DON MATTHEWS, editor of the Mountain Echo, Yellville, Arkansas, produced records which reflect that he purchased the above mentioned typewriter from the Ozark Typewriter Company, Springfield, Missouri, through Mr. O. S. TRAYLOR on May 27, 1936. Mr. MATTHEWS stated he has purchased typewriters from Mr. TRAYLOR on various occasions, and that ordinarily the purchase price of the typewriters secured by him has been paid off in advertising in the Mountain Echo. Mr. MATTHEWS stated that the most recent typewriter purchase made by him was that of Woodstock typewriter No. N529067 which he purchased June 20, 1939.

He stated that typewriter No. 5N172213E was presented by him to his daughter, Mrs. GLENN PYE, either on July 14, 1937 or sometime in 1939. Mr. MATTHEWS stated that his daughter maintained typewriter No. 5N172213E at his residence in Yellville, Arkansas since the time he presented it to her, and that it has never been in the possession of any person outside his family. He declared that he had purchased this typewriter with the understanding that it was a new typewriter, and that it had never been used by any other individuals, and was not a reconditioned typewriter.

Specimens of the type of Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E were taken from this typewriter and are being forwarded herewith to the Bureau Laboratory for comparison with known type-writing specimens of the typewriter that is believed to have formerly been in the possession of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, as is indicated in referenced teletype from the Bureau.

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Mr. MATTHEWS stated he would maintain possession of Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E at his office in Yellville, Arkansas, and that he will make it available to the representative of this Bureau at any time that such request is made of him. Mr. MATTHEWS advised that since the above typewriter has been in his possession, no repair work of any nature has been made upon it, although it has been cleaned on a few occasions.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

Exhibit No. 1 is the original page of the letters of the alphabet and figures, small case type, samples of Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E.

Exhibit No. 2 is a carbon copy of Exhibit No. 1.

Exhibit No. 3 is one page of large case characters, typewriter No. 5N172213E.

Exhibit No. 4 is a continuance of Exhibit No. 3.

Exhibit No. 5 is one page of characters of Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E, prepared by removing the ribbon of the typewriter and placing carbon on the outside of the page of Exhibit No. 5.

Exhibit No. 6 is a sheet of bond paper which was placed beneath Exhibit No. 5 during the preparation of Exhibit No. 5.

Exhibit No. 7 is an original copy of miscellaneous paragraphs prepared on Woodstock typewriter No. 5N172213E.

Exhibit No. 8 is carbon copy of Exhibit No. 7.

The carbon paper used in the preparation of the above exhibits is being forwarded herewith for any value which it may have in conducting the requested examination.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

February 2, 1949

To:

SAC, Newark

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on January 28, 1949.

Re:

JAY DAVID WITTAKER CHAMBERS
with aliases, et al
Perjury; Espionage - R
Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

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Examination requested by:

Newark

Reference:

Letter dated 1-10-49

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by Letter

Allen Weinstein
10-16-74 THB/lcs

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

1383 Three sheets of paper bearing typewriting specimens taken from a
Henderson typewriter which is in the possession of Mrs. FRANK GREEN,
54 Beach Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type
1383 was not used to type 46 through 469. It was also concluded that
1383 was not typed on the machine which was used to type 45.

The submitted evidence is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1-26-49

FROM : SAC, Newark
WRSUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was. Etal.
PERJURY: ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Enclosed herewith are three pages of typewriter specimens from a Woodstock typewriter, property of Rev. Father JAMES FINLEY, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is in the possession of MRS. FRANK BOWEN, 54 Beach Street, Jersey City, New Jersey. A thorough examination of this typewriter has failed to reveal a serial number.

It is requested that these specimens be compared with the documents available in the captioned case. A copy of the Laboratory report should be furnished the New York and Washington Field Offices.

It is pointed out that the ratchet mechanism for line spacing is broken on the typewriter, which accounts for the unevenness of spacing between the lines. It is also noted that the letter "e" on the typewriter will not make a legible impression.

Enclosures 3 - REGISTERED MAIL
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CC New York
Washington Field

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 2, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, etal
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

In response to a teletype request from the St. Paul Office under date of January 31, 1949, there are being forwarded to the Omaha Division as enclosures to this letter, three photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and one of Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. These photographs are to be exhibited to Mrs. WILLIAM D. WERTZ of McCook, Nebraska, in connection with the interview of her as requested by the St. Paul Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 2, 1949

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd *pho*SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ET AL
ALGER HISS
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

During the present interrogation of Chambers he has furnished the following information which concerns his obtaining photos of blueprints of submarines in 1933 from persons connected with the Electric Boat Company at New London, Connecticut.

Chambers states that sometime in 1933, with the approval of "Ulrich" his superior in Soviet Intelligence, he went to New Haven, Connecticut, with "J. Peters" who introduced him to one "Wofsie," who has since been identified by Chambers as Isadore Wofsie, formerly state chairman of the Communist Party in Connecticut, and presently employed by the "Morning Freiheit." Wofsie drove Chambers to New London and introduced him to "an Italian Communist," whose name he recalled as something like "Mariano," who was employed by the Electric Boat Company. (New York teletype dated 1-20-48)

Mariano is believed to be identical with Joseph Giuliatti, with aliases, Joseph Guilietti, Guiseppa Guilietti, Guiseppa Giuliatti and Joe Joliet, who was a subject in an espionage case in connection with obtaining blueprints from the Electric Boat Company at New London, Connecticut, the investigation concerning which was conducted in 1934. This case was closed without prosecution on July 3, 1934. Guilietti is now employed at the U. S. Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory at New London, having been cleared by the Civil Service Commission at Boston on July 1, 1948. (New Haven teletype January 27, 1949) (62-31468-7-13)

"Mariano" advised Chambers that he could, and allegedly did, secure blueprints of submarines. He also stated that any plans he could not himself obtain, would be secured by one "Darrow," whom Chambers also met. (New York teletype dated 1-20-48)

Darrow has been identified as Clayton B. Darrow, now deceased, who furnished information to the New York Office in the espionage case previously referred to concerning Joseph Giuliatti and the Electric Boat Company. (New Haven teletype dated 1-27-49) (62-31468-7-8)

After the initial meeting Chambers reported his success to "Ulrich," who ordered him to take a Leica camera on his next trip to New London and photograph the blueprints. This Chambers did, photographing material made available by "Mariano" in the latter's home. None of these photographs came out and as a result "Ulrich" made arrangements for one "Frank," an expert in photography who has not been identified, to handle the New London contact. He

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introduced "Mariano" as ~~"Raymond"~~ to ~~"Frank."~~ Chambers stated that he then dropped out of the operation. He recalls, however, that "Mariano" and "Darrow" came to New York once for a meeting at the Hotel Therese at which Chambers was present, which was arranged between them and "Ulrich." It was Chambers' recollection that Darrow reported his part in the operation to the local American Legion Officers in New London, Connecticut. Chambers stated that he had the impression, probably obtained from conversation with "J. Peters," that the Electric Boat venture was not very productive. (New York teletype dated 1-20-49)

The following data appears to partially substantiate Chambers' statements regarding this matter.

In April, 1934, Clayton B. Darrow, an employee of the Electric Boat Company at New London, Connecticut, advised Agents of the New York Division that about two years previous at the instigation of Joseph Jiuletti, a fellow employee, he secretly carried a blueprint from the plant and gave it to Jiuletti, who he believed, gave it to a man known as ~~"Jack."~~ (62-31468-7)

In a later statement dated May 4, 1934, Darrow admitted taking about twelve blueprints from the plant for "Joe Joliet" (Jiuletti) who furnished them to one ~~"Eugene."~~ Darrow saw "Eugene" several times and on one occasion he, Darrow, ~~"Went to New York with 'Joliet'"~~ on tickets furnished by "Jack" (Eugene) where he met the "chief" and presented some plans of my own to him in a hotel on 125th Street." Darrow stated that he later met a new contact man in place of "Eugene," who was identified only as having a vivid scar on his upper lip, continuing around the right corner of his mouth. (62-31468-8)

In his statements to Agents of the New York Office, Darrow indicated that Zachary ~~Baranoff~~ and Frank W. ~~Draminski~~, employees of the Electric Boat Company, were also involved in obtaining material from the plant. (62-31468-7)

In further verification of this operation, Chambers was asked on January 25, 1949, by New York Agents as to the cover name he used. Without hesitation he replied, "Eugene." The facts furnished the New York Division by Darrow in 1934 were discussed with Chambers. He stated that Darrow had elaborated some of the facts beyond recognition, and stated further that he had no knowledge of the existence of a Communist Party cell in the Electric Boat Company in 1934. He stated he knew only "the Italian" (believed to be Joseph ~~Jiuletti~~) and Darrow. The latter died of natural causes February 17, 1940. Chambers stated, however, that Zachary Baranoff, Dudley Chapman and Frank Framinsky (Draminski) who were subjects in the original Electric Boat Company case, are known to him. (New York teletype dated 1-26-49)

In the teletype to the Bureau dated January 27, 1949, pertaining to the Electric Boat Company case, the New Haven Division inquired concerning the desirability of having Zachary Baranoff interviewed. The Bureau files reflect that a loyalty investigation was conducted on Baranoff in June and July, of 1948. This investigation was based on a charge that Baranoff had been a member of Lodge #3029 of the International Workers Order during the years 1946 and 1947. The investigation disclosed that while Baranoff resided in New London, Connecticut,

he had corresponded with the Russian National Mutual Aid Society of America, 629 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was further disclosed in the records of the Electric Boat Company, where Baranoff was employed from 1925 to 1936, that he was at one time under suspicion for possible "Red activities." However, the records at the Electric Boat Company do not indicate that the allegation was ever substantiated, or give the source of the allegation. No additional information was disclosed in the investigation which would reflect against Baranoff's loyalty to the United States. (121-8474-11-13)

By teletype dated January 31, 1949, the New York Division requested that Joseph Guiletti be thoroughly interviewed unless the Bureau advised to the contrary.

ACTION:

It is recommended that Joseph Guiletti, Zachary Baranoff, Frank Draminski, and Dudley Chapman be thoroughly interviewed for any information which may assist in the development of instant case. If you agree, there is attached herewith a teletype to the New York Division, with copies to Boston and New Haven, authorizing such interviews, and instructing that they be carried out simultaneously.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Jones.....
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Mr. Nease.....
Mr. Gandy.....

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RE. DR. ISIDOR MILLER, WAS, ET AL., ESP R. REMYTEL J. D. W. CHAMBERS,
WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP DASH R, FEB. FIRST FORTY NINE. ISIDOR MILLER
INTERVIEWED AT NYO AND STATEMENT TAKEN INSTANT DATE. IN GENERAL MILLER
STATEMENT AGREES WITH FACTS RELATIVE TO PICATINNY ARSENAL CASE FURNISHED
BY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. HOWEVER MILLER STATES THAT HE WAS INVOLVED
THROUGH DR. PHILIP ROSENBLIETT. ROSENBLIETT IS KNOWN TO BUREAU IN
MOISCHE STEIN AND KOSTWAG CASES. MILLER STATES HE MET ROSENBLIETT
THROUGH DR. MORRIS GREENBERG WHOSE SISTER MARRIED ROSENBLIETT. MILLER
AND GREENBERG HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE COLLEGE DAYS. SOMETIME
IN NINETEEN THIRTY THREE ROSENBERG ASKED MILLER TO MEET "A FRIEND"
WHO WAS ENGAGED IN SOME WRITING ON THE SUBJECT OF EXPLOSIVES AND WOULD NEED
A GIRL EXPERIENCED IN EXPLOSIVE TECHNOLOGY TO TAKE DICTATION. ROSEN-
BERG KNEW MILLERS BACKGROUND AND CONNECTIONS AT PICATINNY ARSENAL.
MILLER MET THIS FRIEND BUT COULD NOT RECALL THE NAME HE USED. MILLER
VIEWED NINETEEN THIRTY ONE PHOTO OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AND SAID IT
RESEMBLED ROSENBERGS FRIEND BUT NOT

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POSITIVE IDENT. MEAGRE DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY MILLER OF THE FRIEND AGREES WITH DESCRIPTION OF CHAMBERS. MILLER RELATED THAT ROSENBERGS FRIEND AND HE WENT TO DOVER AND CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING HYMAN JADOWITZ INTRODUCING TO A GIRL. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE GIRL. STATES JADOWITZ DID NOT KNOW TRUE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING AND JADOWITZ WAS NOT A COMMUNIST. MILLER STATES HE HAD SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS SCHEME BUT DID NOT FULLY DAWN ON HIM UNTIL AFTER ROSENBERG RETURNED TO RUSSIA IN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE, TRUE SIGNIFICANCE. MILLER ONLY MET ONE OTHER PERSON AMONG ROSENBERGS ASSOCIATES OF WHOSE ACTIVITIES HE WAS SUSPICIOUS. THIS PERSON HE KNEW AS WALTER. IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF ALEXANDER PETROVICH ULAIKOVSKI, WAS. WHO APPEARS IN RUSSIAN ALBUM AS WALTER. REF BUREAU TEL JAN. THIRTY ONE FORTY NINE, ENTITLED UNSUB, WA. WALTER ESPIONAGE R. IN THIS CONNECTION. AGENTS DID NOT SERVE GJ SUBPOENA ON MILLER. HE STATED HE WOULD APPEAR BEFORE GRAND JURY AT ANY TIME DESIRED. DETAILS FOLLOW IN REPORT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 2, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

In response to a teletype request from the St. Paul Office under date of January 31, 1949, there are being forwarded to the Los Angeles Office, as enclosures to this letter, one photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and one photograph of Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Other photographs in possession of this office have already been supplied the Los Angeles Office.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

These photographs, together with the other photographs already in possession of the Los Angeles Office, are to be exhibited to RUTH S. TYLER, 835 West 9th Street, San Pedro, California, in connection with the interview of her as requested by the St. Paul Office.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Washington Field

February 3, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 2, 1949.

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
RECORDED - 61 FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

74-94
74-1333 - 1578
D-94033 CU

Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated February 1, 1949

EX-37 Deleted Copy Sent *Allen Weinstein*
by Letter *10-16-74 THE/has*

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- K393 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Civilian Defense, Georgetown Area, Air Raid Headquarters, dated July 23, 1942, to Mr. JAMES JARDINE, 4334 P Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., signed ELIZABETH DRAPIER.
- K394 Carbon copy of a typewritten letter from 1521 Thirty-fifth Street, Washington, D. C., dated January 20, 1945, to Mr. W. H. GILL, 1100 H Street, Washington, D. C.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type K393 and K394 was not used to type Q6 through Q69. It was also concluded that none of the machines that typed K393 through K394 was used to type Q5.

Submitted evidence will be returned to the Washington Field Office after photographic copies have been made.

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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory DATE: February 1, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED 94033
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Enclosed herewith are two letters, one letter written on the stationery of the Civilian Defense, Georgetown Area, and is dated July 23, 1942, addressed to Mr. JAMES JARDINE, and signed ELIZABETH DRAPER. The other letter is addressed to Mr. W. H. GILL, dated January 20, 1945, and is unsigned. This is a carbon copy of the original letter.

You are requested to search the typing appearing in these letters against the known typing of the Woodstock Typewriter used to type questioned documents.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

These letters were obtained from Mrs. HENRY DRAPER (ELIZABETH DRAPER), 1521 - 35th Street, N. W., for many years president of the Georgetown Progressive Citizens Association, by Special Agents DONALD D. CONNORS and THOMAS J. BARRY, on January 31, 1949.

Mrs. DRAPER has advised that she has a faint recollection that PRISCILLA HISS did some typing for the Civilian Defense Organization and that it is remotely possible that PRISCILLA HISS did some typing for the Progressive Citizens Association although she held no official secretarial position in either organization.

These letters should be returned to the Washington Field Office upon completion of the examination, for proper disposal by this office.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Washington Field
To:

February 3, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on February 2, 1949.

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et. al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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YOUR FILE NO. 71-94
FBI FILE NO. 71-1333 1579
LAB. NO. D-94032 EU

Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated February 1, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Deleted Copy Sent *Allen Weinstein*
by Letter 10-16-74 THB/bca

Specimens:

- K395 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 16, 1947, to Miss Ruth Inglis, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, signed ALGER HISS.
- K396 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 23, 1947, to Miss Ruth Inglis, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, signed ALGER HISS.
- K397 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated December 9, 1947, to Miss Ruth Inglis, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, signed ALGER HISS.
- K398 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated April 5, 1948, to Miss Ruth Inglis, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, signed ALGER HISS.
- K399 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated April 22, 1948, to Miss Ruth Inglis, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, signed ALGER HISS.

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- K400 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated August 2, 1948, to Miss Ruth Inglis, University of Washington, Seattle 5, Washington, signed ALGER HISS.
- K401 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated September 2, 1948, to Miss Ruth Inglis, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, signed ALGER HISS.
- K402 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 27, 1948, to Miss Ruth Inglis, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle 5, Washington, signed ALGER HISS.
- K403 Carbon copy of a three-page letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment For International Peace, New York, New York, dated November 17, 1947, to Dr. Easton Rothwell, The Hoover Institute and Library, Stanford University, California, from ALGER HISS.
- K404 Carbon copy of a Memorandum for Mr. Phillips, typewritten on a plain sheet of white paper, dated August 15, 1947, from A. H.
- K405 A typewritten Memorandum of Understanding with Miss Inglis with respect to Publication Aspects of the Motion Picture as an Instrument of Education in International Affairs, signed ALGER HISS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type K395 through K405 was not used to type C6 through C69. It was also concluded that none of the machines that typed K395 through K405 was used to type C5.

The submitted evidence will be returned to the Washington Field Office after photographic copies have been made.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory DATE: February 1, 1949

FROM : *Hed* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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There are being transmitted herewith, ten pieces of correspondence for typewriting examination by the FBI Laboratory, and comparison with questioned documents in instant case. This correspondence was obtained by Special Agent KENNETH F. CARROLL of the Washington Field Office, on January 31, 1949, and should be returned to this office upon completion of the examination, for proper disposal.

It is described as follows:

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~ *B*

K395 → K405

1. Seven pieces of correspondence addressed to a Miss RUTH INGLIS, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, signed by ALGER HISS, and dated October 16, 1947, October 23, 1947, December 9, 1947, April 5, 1948, August 2, 1948, September 2, 1948, and October 27, 1948.

2. One letter addressed to "Dear EASTON", marked "Copy for Miss INGLIS", dated November 17, 1947, signed ALGER HISS.

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3. One Memorandum for Mr. PHILLIPS, dated August 15, 1947, signed "A. H."

4. One Memorandum of Understanding with Miss INGLIS With Respect to Publication Aspects of the Motion Picture as an Instrument of Education in International Affairs, undated, and signed "ALGER HISS".

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cc -- New York

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*F.L. JONES.
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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

February 3, 1949

To:

Mr. Denver

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on February 3, 1949.

Re:

MAX HAVEN (MARTIN) CHAMBERS
with aliases
A.G. 1; A.G. 3; et al
Espionage - R; Perjury
Internal Security - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

65-150
74-1533 1580
11-2121 IN

Examination requested by:

Denver

Reference:

Letter dated 2-1-49

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by Letter

EX-37

10-16-74 THB/ber

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

El.25 Specimen from Woodstock typewriter with serial number 150050.

Result of Examination:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type
El.25 was not used to type 66 through 69. It was also concluded that
El.25 was not typed on the machine which was used to type 45.

The submitted evidence is retained in the files of the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 1, 1949

FROM: SAC, DENVER

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
was.; ALGER HISS, et al
ESPIONAGE - R
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bufile 74-1333)

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Re Chicago teletype to Denver, et al, dated January 19, 1949,
Bureau teletype to Denver, et al, dated January 24, 1949, and
El Paso teletype to Denver dated January 28, 1949.

~~DELETED-RECORDING~~

There are being transmitted herewith typewriter specimens secured
from Woodstock typewriter Serial No. 156050 for examination in
connection with the questioned specimens in captioned case.

According to the reference Chicago teletype, this typewriter was
sent from the Woodstock Typewriter Company of Chicago to the
Typewriter and Office Supply Company, 304 University Building,
Denver, Colorado, on May 19, 1940. The former owner of the Type-
writer and Office Supply Company referred to above was located
by the El Paso Division and his records reflect this typewriter
had been sold to Mr. A. W. MILNE, 4171 Irving Street, Denver,
Colorado, on November 23, 1940.

Mr. ALEX W. MILNE, 4171 Irving Street, Denver, cooperated with
an Agent of this office and permitted the specimens to be ob-
tained.

Mr. MILNE mentioned that he purchased the typewriter second-
hand, and he believes his wife has had some repair work done on
it and at the present time, it is not in very good operating
condition.

It is suggested that the Laboratory furnish the results of the
examination to the office of origin, New York, the Bureau and
Denver.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, New York
To:

February 3, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 2, 1949.

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Letter dated February 1, 1949

Reference:

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Examination requested:

Specimens:

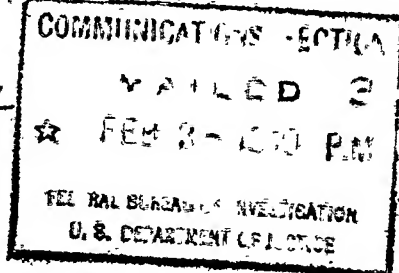
K406 Four pages of typewritten specimens from Royal Portable Typewriter with serial #G-1062356.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type K406 was not used to type Q6 through Q69. It was also concluded that K406 was not typed on the machine which was used to type Q5.

The submitted evidence is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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TO : Director, FBI - ATT: FBI LABORATORY

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FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; ETAL.
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Reference is made to Bureau teletype dated January 26, 1949.

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Enclosed herewith are four pages of typewritten specimens that were secured from the Royal typewriter in the possession of CYNTHIA JONES. This Royal typewriter is a portable, number G-1062356. This typewriter is presently in the office of the law firm that is representing ALGER HISS and the specimens were secured in this law office.

It is desired that these specimens be compared with all the questioned and known specimens in this case and particularly, that these specimens be compared with the questioned documents known as Q5.

At the conclusion of such examination, if the results are negative, you may destroy these typewritten specimens.

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REREP HUBERT SMALL, AT ST. LOUIS, JAN. TWENTYSEVEN. ORIGINAL

MANUSCRIPT OF SPEECH OF HISS BEFORE ASSOCIATED HARVARD CLUBS

MAY NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT DESTROYED. NO OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

AVAILABLE. REREP JESSE FARR AT BALT. JAN. TWENTYEIGHT.

NO RECORD IN FILES THIS OFFICE RE WILLIAM D. GOODMAN.

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A WILLIAM GOODMAN AT ADDRESS SHOWN IN REREP. NO INTERVIEW WILL

BE CONDUCTED WITH GOODMAN RE HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH FRANK ARNO

UNLESS NY OFFICE ADVISES.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, ~~BRIBERY~~ ESPIONAGE - R. *Perjury 1745*
DURING THE INTERROGATION OF CHAMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OBTAINING
OF MATERIAL FOR A DETAILED SIGNED STATEMENT CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES,
THE MATTER OF HIS PURCHASE OF FOUR BOKHARA RUGS AND THEIR DELIVERY
TO HIS CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON WAS DISCUSSED. CHAMBERS RELATED THAT
PROBABLY IN THE FALL OF NINETEEN THIRTYSIX WHEN BORRIS BYKOV TOOK
OVER FROM J. PETERS, THE FORMER DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE WASHINGTON
SETUP. BYJOV WAS OF THE OPINION THAT AN EXPENSIVE PRESENT SHOULD
BE GIVEN TO THOSE PERSONS WHO PROBABLY WOULD BE MOST PRODUCTIVE
IN THE SECURING OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS. BYKOV THEN GAVE CHAMBERS
APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO PUR-
CHASE FOUR ORIENTAL RUGS SO THAT THESE COULD BE PRESENTED TO ALGER.
HISS, HARRY DEXTER WHITE, A. GEORGE SILVERMAN, AND PROBABLY HENRY
JULIAN WADLEIGH. CHAMBERS RELATED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF
ORIENTAL RUGS AND SOLICITED THE ASSISTANCE OF DR. MEYER SCHAPIRO,
A PROFESSOR AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND A PERSONAL FRIEND OF CHAMBERS
OF LONGSTANDING. CHAMBERS STATED THAT HE EXPLAINED TO SCHAPIRO
WHAT HE DESIRED AND REQUESTED THAT THE FOUR RUGS BE DELIVERED TO

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THE ADDRESS OF GEORGE SILVERMAN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT, FORTYNINE, PROFESSOR SCHAPIRO WAS INTERVIEWED IN HIS OFFICE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND RELATED THAT AT CHRISTMAS TIME IN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, CHAMBERS CONTACTED HIM AT THE UNIVERSITY AND REQUESTED HIM TO PURCHASE FOUR EXPENSIVE ORIENTAL RUGS. AT THIS TIME HE TURNED OVER TO SCHAPIRO SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH. CHAPIRO RELATED THAT HE HAD NO INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF ORIENTAL RUGS AND HE IN TURN SOLICITED THE AID OF E. SHOEN, AN INTERIOR DECORATOR AND ARCHITECT AND A FRIEND OF SCHAPIRO. SHOEN THEREAFTER RECOMMENDED THAT THESE RUGS COULD BE PURCHASED AT THE MASSACHUSETTS IMPORTING COMPANY, TWO SEVEN SIX FIFTH AVENUE, NYC. SHOEN GAVE SCHAPIRO A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF THESE RUGS. AS A RESULT THEREOF, SCHAPIRO PURCHASED FOUR RUGS. INVESTIGATION AT THE MASSACHUSETTS IMPORTING COMPANY REFLECTED A SALES TICKET DATED DECEMBER TWENTYTHIRD, THIRTY SIX, BILLED TO E. SHOEN, FIFTEEN EAST FIFTYTHIRD STREET, FOR FOUR BOKHARA RUGS AT A COST OF EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTYSIX DOLLARS AND SEVENTYONE CENTS. THE SALES TICKET INDICATES A CHECK FOR SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND CASH FOR THE BALANCE WAS PAID FOR THESE RUGS. THIS COMPANY WAS ALSO IN POSSESSION OF A SALES TICKET DATED DECEMBER TWENTY NINE, THIRTYSIX, INDICATING DR. MEYER SCHAPIRO, TWO SEVEN NINE WEST

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FOURTH STREET, AS THE PURCHASER AND THE PERSON TO WHOM THESE
RUGS SHOULD BE SHIPPED. THE TICKET DATED DECEMBER TWENTYNINE BEARS
THE SIGNATURE OF MRS. MEYER SCHAPIRO WHICH IS A DEFINITE INDICATION
THAT INSTANT RUGS WERE SHIPPED TO THE SCHAPIRO-S. NY ADDRESS. IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ORIGINAL SALES TICKET BEING MADE OUT IN THE NAME
OF E. SHOEN, THE PROPRIETORS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS IMPORTING CO.
ADVISED THAT THE ORIGINAL TICKET WAS MADE OUT TO SHOEN IN VIEW OF
THE FACT THAT SCHAPIRO WAS UNKNOWN TO HIM. HOWEVER, AFTER PAYMENT
FOR THESE RUGS WAS MADE, THE SALES TICKET DATED DECEMBER TWENTYNINE
WAS MADE OUT IN THE NAME OF DR. MEYER SCHAPIRO. THE TICKET DATED
DECEMBER TWENTYNINE, THIRTYSIX, ALSO INDICATES THAT THE RUGS WERE
DELIVERED BY THE MASSIS EXPRESS CO. SCHAPIRO, AS WELL AS HIS WIFE,
HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND ARE WHOLLY UNABLE TO
RECALL THE RECEIPT OF THE RUGS AT THEIR HOME OR THEIR RESHIPMENT.
MRS. SCHAPIRO, AS WELL AS HER HUSBAND, BOTH INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT
THE SIGNATURE APPEARING ON THE DELIVERY TICKET IS THAT OF MRS. MEYER
X SCHAPIRO. INVESTIGATION AT MASSIS EXPRESS COMPANY FAILS TO REVEAL
ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING INSTANT DELIVERY AND AS A MATTER OF FACT
THE EXPRESSMAN WHO DELIVERED INSTANT RUGS IS NOW DECEASED. IT WAS
BELIEVED IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY INFORMATION FROM SCHAPIRO THAT THESE
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RUGS, WHICH WERE DELIVERED TO THE SCHAPIRO HOME, WERE RESHIPED TO WASHINGTON BY AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS OF AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS, NYC, RELATE THAT ALL TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THIS DELIVERY HAS BEEN DESTROYED. THEY POINTED OUT THAT IT IS THEIR PRACTICE TO DESTROY DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AFTER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AND RECEIPTS AT THE OTHER END AFTER A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS. SCHAPIRO HAS A SOMEWHAT DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT AT THE TIME HE CONTRACTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF THESE RUGS, HE SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED THE RUG COMPANY TO SHIP THEM TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IT IS ALSO HIS RECOLLECTION THAT AT THE TIME OF CHAMBERS-S ORIGINAL CONTACT WITH HIM THAT CHAMBERS TOLD HIM TO DELIVER THESE RUGS TO A MR. SILVERMAN OR SILVERMASTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE OFFICIALS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS IMPORTING COMPANY HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND A DILIGENT SEARCH OF THEIR RECORDS HAS PRODUCED NOTHING OTHER THAN THE ABOVE DISCUSSED SALES AND DELIVERY TICKETS. IF THE RUGS WERE ACTUALLY DELIVERED IN NEW YORK CITY ON DECEMBER TWENTYNINE, THIRTYSIX, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THEY WOULD HAVE REACHED WASHINGTON BEFORE SOMETIME IN JANUARY, THIRTYSEVEN. THIS IS OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE BECAUSE ALGER HISS CLAIMS THAT HE NEVER SAW CHAMBERS SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY FIRST, THIRTYSEVEN.

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[REDACTED] CHAMBERS, WHEN INTERVIEWED, RELATED THAT SOMETIME IN JANUARY OF THIRTYSEVEN, BY PREARRANGEMENT, HE ACCOMPANIED ALGER HISS IN THE LATTER-S AUTOMOBILE TO A PARKING LOT NEAR A RESTAURANT JUST OUTSIDE OF COLLEGE POINT, MARYLAND. THEREAFTER, BY PREARRANGEMENT, SILVERMAN DROVE UP TO THIS PLACE IN HIS CAR AFTER WHICH CHAMBERS GOT OUT OF THE HISS AUTOMOBILE, TOOK THE RUG WHICH WAS IN THE SILVERMAN CAR AND HANDED IT TO HISS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME DISCREPANCY AS TO THE MANNER IN WHICH HISS ACTUALLY PHYSICALLY OBTAINED THIS RUG, HE TACITLY ADMITS HE ACTUALLY RECEIVED IT FROM CHAMBERS. THE WFO IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN RAILWAY EXPRESS TO DETERMINE, IF POSSIBLE, THE INDIVIDUAL IN THAT COMPANY WHO WOULD HAVE HANDLED DELIVERIES TO SILVERMAN-S RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN JANUARY OF THIRTYSEVEN SO THAT HE CAN BE INTERROGATED RELATIVE TO ANY RECOLLECTION HE MIGHT HAVE OF THIS TRANSACTION OR ANY INDEPENDENT RECORD THAT HE MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE KEPT IN THIS REGARD. FROM ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION, ALGER HISS IS STILL IN POSSESSION OF HIS RUG AND THE ONE DELIVERED TO WADLEIGH, ACCORDING

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TO THE LATTER, IS IN STORAGE AT THE FIRM OF NESHAN G. HINTLIAN, CONNECTICUT AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D.C., A RUG DEALER. SINCE WADLEIGH HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE, IT IS FELT THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TURNING THIS RUG OVER TO AGENTS OF THE WFO. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, WFO IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN b3 POSSESSION OF THIS RUG. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RUG WAS AT FIRST BELIEVED TO HAVE SOME BEARING ON THE TESTIMONY GIVEN BY [REDACTED] BEFORE THE GJ AND IN CONNECTION

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IT DOES NOT APPEAR AT LEAST ON THE RECORD THAT [REDACTED] STATEMENTS INDICATE A POSSIBILITY THAT HE PERJURED HIMSELF. HOWEVER, THIS MATTER WILL BE GONE OVER IN DETAIL WITH T. J. DONEGAN AND THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED THEREOF. THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE GJ WAS RECEIVED ON AN EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FROM MR. DONEGAN AND THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DIVULGED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

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FOURTEEN, NYTEL JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT, AND BULET TO WFO DATED FEBRUARY TWO, LAST.

FOLLOWING IS FOR INFO OF PHILADELPHIA. IN INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS, JANUARY FOURTEEN

AT NY, HE RELATED FOLLOWING STORY. IN CONNECTION WITH ORIGINAL UNDERGROUND APPARATUS

OPERATED BY HAROLD WARE, WHICH INCLUDED DONALD HISS, CHARLES KRAMER, VICTOR PERLO,

HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR., LEE PRESSMAN, AND NATHAN WITT, EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD

HIS OWN SEPARATE CELL CONSISTING OF TEN TO TWENTY PERSONS WHO WERE EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS

GOVT AGENCIES IN DC. AT THIS TIME, THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT ABSTRACTING ANY

DOCUMENTS FROM THE VARIOUS GOVT AGENCIES BUT WERE PLACED THERE SO THAT THEIR SERVICES

MIGHT BE USED IN THE EVENT AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE. ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN HAROLD

WARE'S CELL WAS JOE HERRMAN, ASCERTAINED BY THIS OFFICE TO BE JOHN HERRMANN, WHO WAS

A MEMBER OF THE CP AND WHO, AT ONE TIME WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB IN NYC AT

THE TIME CHAMBERS WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CLUB. HERRMANN WAS MARRIED TO JOSEPHINE

HERBST, WHO HAD BEEN THE AUTHOR OF TWO OR THREE FAIRLY WELL ACCEPTED NOVELS AND WAS

CONSIDERED A LEADING LIGHT IN THE LITERARY WORLD. HERRMANN AND HIS WIFE IN APPROXIMATELY

NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE AND THIRTYSIX, RESIDED IN AN APARTMENT ON THE EAST SIDE OF NEW

HAMPSHIRE AVENUE BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE AND DUPONT CIRCLE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC.

IT IS NOTED THAT NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE AND MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE INTERSECT AT DUPONT

CIRCLE. SOMETIME IN ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, IN A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HERRMANN AND

CHAMBERS, THE FORMER STATED THAT A FAMILY BY THE NAME OF SILVERMAN, WHICH CONSISTED OF

A WIFE, HUSBAND AND CHILD, WAS RESIDING ON TWENTYEIGHTH STREET IN WASHINGTON, DC, NEXT

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DOOR TO THE RESIDENCE OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS. THIS SILVERMAN IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH A. GEORGE SILVERMAN MENTIONED PROMINENTLY IN THIS CASE. FURTHER, THAT J. PETERS HAD INSTIGATED HAROLD WARE AND JOHN HERMANN LATE ONE EVENING TO GO TO THE SILVERMAN HOUSEHOLD AND ARRANGE TO TAKE SILVERMAN OUT OF HIS HOUSE AND GET HIM AWAY FROM WASHINGTON, DC. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HERMANN AND WARE ACCOMPLISHED THIS BUT CHAMBERS DOES NOT RECALL WHERE THEY TOOK SILVERMAN. AS EXPLANATION OF THIS UNUSUAL SITUATION, CHAMBERS RELATED THAT HERMANN TOLD HIM THAT PETERS OR SOMEONE IN THE PARTY HAD FOUND OUT THAT SILVERMAN AND DAVID K. WILES, PRESENT ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN HOMOSEXUAL ACTS AND THAT WHILE THIS AFFAIR WAS GOING ON, SILVERMAN HAD BEEN WRITING TO WILES AND INFORMING HIM OF ACTIVITIES OF THE UNDERGROUND APPARATUS IN WASHINGTON, THAT WILES, IN AN EFFORT TO GET SILVERMAN FROM HIS FAMILY, HAD THREATENED TO EXPOSE THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE CP UNDERGROUND IN WASHINGTON. CHAMBERS HAS NO FURTHER INFO CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT BUT MADE THE REMARK THAT IT IS SOMETIMES A COMMON PRACTICE TO ACCUSE A PARTY MEMBER OF SOME SCANDALOUS CONDUCT IN ORDER TO SEPARATE HIM. CHAMBERS HAS NO FURTHER INFO CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF SILVERMAN NOR THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN HERMANN AND HIS WIFE. NITEL JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT REPLYED CHAMBERS FURTHER STATED THAT WHEN HE FIRST RECEIVED DOCUMENTS FROM ALGER HISS, HE PHOTOGRAPHED THESE DOCUMENTS HIMSELF EITHER AT HISS' HOME OR AT THE HOME OF HERMANN. HE STATED THAT HERMANN HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO WASHINGTON TO BE AN ASSISTANT TO HAROLD WARE IN THE APPARATUS. CHAMBERS STATED THAT ROBERT ROE RECEIVED DOCUMENTS FROM HARRY DEXTER WHITE GAVE THEM TO HIM AND HE TOOK THEM TO HERMANN'S APT IN WASHINGTON AND PHOTOGRAPHED THEM. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HERMANN AND ROE BE LOCATED AND THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED.

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RELATIVE TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS APPARATUS. ALSO FURNISH NY ANY INFO AVAILABLE
RE SILVERMAN AND HIS LOCATION. HERBST' HOME LISTED AT ERWINA, PENNSYLVANIA. FOR
FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF HERBST, REFERENCE WHO'S WHO IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT-FORTYNINE,
UNDER NAME JOSEPHINE FREY HERBST. SUTEL RESULTS OF ABOVE INTERVIEW IN ORDER THAT
SILVERMAN INVESTIGATION BE CONCLUDED HERE.

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SAC, Baltimore

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-93832 BU
dated 1/31/49, in connection with the above-
entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your
office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following
specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been
made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Specimen K378.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FELIX A. INSLERMAN IN MARCH FORTYTWO APPLICATION AT REPUBLIC AVIATION
CORPORATION, FARMINGDALE, N. Y. GAVE NAME OF HERBERT BUSCHERS,
TOWSON, MD. AS REFERENCE. BUSCHERS ADVISED HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH
INSLERMANS ARRANGED BY BUSCHERS MOTHER-IN-LAW, MRS. REINHOLD SAUBERLICH,
NINE NAUGHT SEVEN SUMMIT AVENUE, BRONX, N. Y., A NEIGHBOR OF ELIZABETH
INSLERMANS MOTHER. THE BUSCHERS VISITED SOCIALLY WITH INSLERMANS DURING
THIRTYNINE AND FORTY. BUSCHERS VERIFIED INSLERMANS POSSESSION OF
EXPENSIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT. CONSIDERED MRS. INSLERMAN A
DOMINATING TYPE, TALENTED SINGER, BUT POOR HOUSEKEEPER. INSLERMAN
DESCRIBED AS QUIET, ~~STUDIOUS~~ STUDIOUS AND AMBITIOUS. BUSCHERS ADVISED
THAT RAY E. BARRICK ROOMED WITH INSLERMANS AT SIX ROSELAND AVENUE IN
FORTY. RAY E. BARRICK, SEVEN FOUR TWO FIVE BROOKWOOD AVENUE, KENWOOD,
MARYLAND, AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER, GLENN L. MARTIN COMPANY, AND CLOSE
FRIEND OF INSLERMANS, INTERVIEWED JANUARY THIRTYONE. BARRICK STATED
HE ROOMED WITH INSLERMANS FEBRUARY NINE, ~~1944~~ NINETEEN FORTY TO AUGUST
FIVE, NINETEEN FORTY. ADMITTED HE FIRST MET INSLERMAN IN FALL OF
THIRTYNINE WHEN BOTH ATTENDED JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BALTIMORE.
BARRICK EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH ATTENDANT NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

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ABOUT INSLERMAN, AND INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE THAT HE COULD GIVE FELIX. ~~FELIX~~ BARRICK EXPRESSED STRONG ADMIRATION FOR MUSCIAL TALENTS OF MRS. INSLERMAN AND MINIMIZED INSLERMANS PHOTOGRAPHIC ABILITY. CANNOT RECALL ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH INSLERMANS RE THEIR BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO LATE THIRTYNINE. REFERENCES LISTED BY INSLERMAN WHEN APPLYING FOR JOB AT GLENN L. MARTINS INTERVIEWED BY BALTIMORE OFFICE, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED. PERSONNEL RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY WARD CO., BALTIMORE, REFLECT ELIZABETH ALICE RYNDERS, TWO ONE ONE THREE CALLOW AVENUE, EMPLOYED AS ADJUSTER, OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX TO MARCH TWO NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. REASON FOR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT LISTED AS HEALTH. FILE REFLECTS RYNDERS BIRTHDATE FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FIFTEEN AND MARITAL STATUS AS SINGLE. RYNDERS BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH ELIZABETH INSLERMAN. PRESENT EMPLOYEES CANNOT RECALL ELIZABETH RYNDERS.

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FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: February 3, 1949

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
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The attention of the Louisville Division is directed to Butel to all SACS, January 10, 1949, in regard to the above captioned matter. The Washington Field Office is conducting an intensive investigation to interview all former neighbors of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS when the latter resided in Washington, D. C.

Information has been received from Mr. JAMES S. ROBB that Mr. and Mrs. HART FOSTER were neighbors of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS between the years of 1936 and 1939. During this time, the HISSES resided at 1245 - 30th Street, N. W. and 3415 Volta Place, N. W., both Washington, D. C.

Investigation at Washington, D. C. reflects that HART FOSTER, as of 1946, resided at 225 South Ashland Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

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The Louisville Division is requested to locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. HART FOSTER for all information in their possession concerning ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. They should be specifically asked if they know the identity of any maid that the HISSES employes, as well as the identity of friends and associates.

There are enclosed herewith to the Louisville Division, photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, which should be displayed to Mr. and Mrs. FOSTER.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. RE NEWARK TEL JAN TWENTYNINE LAST TO BUREAU, WFO NY AND PHILA. MRS. ELLEN TRENT ARNWINE, TWO NAUGHTNAUGHT SEVEN EYE ST., NW, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED SHE HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH FATHLR-S CLIENTS AND CANNOT RECALL ANY NAMES. SHE REPORTED OPENING OF THE NEW HOPE, PA. SUMMER THEATER ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYSIX BROUGHT A GREAT MANY PEOPLE FROM NYC AREA SEEKING OLD COUNTRY PROPERTIES. UPON BEING EXHIBITED A FACIAL PHOTO OF CHAMBERS TAKEN IN NINETEEN THIRTIES, SHE ADVISED PERSON IN PHOTO RESEMBLED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD BEEN AT HER FATHER-S HOME ABOUT THAT TIME. SHE DID NOT KNOW HIS NAME BUT RECALLED HE HAD DRESSED IN LIGHT FLANNEL PANTS AND A LIGHT SUMMER COAT OR JACKET. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW, A FULL LENGTH PHOTO OF CHAMBERS TAKEN IN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX AND FURNISHED THE FIELD OFFICES BY NY IN LETTER TO BUREAU DATED JANUARY TWENTYONE LAST, IN WHICH CHAMBERS IS SHOWN DRESSED AS DESCRIBED BY MRS. ARNWINE, WAS IDENTIFIED BY HER AS THE PERSON SHE HAD FIRST RECALLED UPON SEEING CHAMBER-S FACIAL PHOTO. MRS. ARNWINE ALSO ADVISED SHE HAS TALKED WITH HER FATHER, JATSON T. ROBERTS, SINCE HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY AN AGENT AND THAT HE HAD ASSOCIATED THE NAME OF DAVID BREEN WITH PICTURES OF CHAMBERS WHICH WERE SHOWN HIM. MRS. ARNWINE WILL BE VISITING MRS. SARA ARNWINE, ONE ONE TWO NORTH FRANKLIN, LEBERTVILLE, NJ, FROM FEB EIGHT TO FEB THIRTEEN NEXT, AT WHICH TIME SHE DESIRED THAT AN AGENT CONTACT HER THERE FOR SHE BELIEVES THAT BY TALKING TO HER FATHER HE MAY BE ABLE TO RECALL INFO OF VALUE: THAT SHE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND PERTINENT RENTAL RECORDS AND SHE MAY RECALL OTHER INFO WHEN HOME IN FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS. MRS. ARNWINE ALSO THOUGHT BACKGROUND IN FULL

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LENGTH PHOTO IS FAMILIAR. IT IS SUGGESTED NEW YORK ASCERTAIN FROM CHAMBERS WHERE PHOTO WAS TAKEN AND ADVISE NEWARK. SHE SUGGESTED INTERVIEWING RUDOLPH NEUBERGER, LAMBERTVILLE, NJ. REAL ESTATE BUYER, WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR MANY YEARS AROUND NEW HOPE, PA. AND LAMBERTVILLE, AND STOCKTON, NJ. FOR POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING CHAMBERS AND ASSOCIATES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. SHE DID NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP DASH R.
RE LITTLE ROCK TEL JAN. THIRTYONE WHEREIN INFORMATION REPORTED
BY MRS. GEORGE CRESSLER THAT IN ADDITION TO BREEN FAMILY RESIDING
IN STONE TENANT HOUSE OF THOMAS MARSHALL NEAR NEW HOPE, PA. THAT
SHE RECALLED ANOTHER BREEN FAMILY CONSISTING OF A YOUNG COUPLE,
WITH NO CHILDREN, WHO PURCHASED AND REMODELED A COTTAGE LOCATED
ON A LANE BEHIND HOME OF FRED JUSTIN OF NEW HOPE, PA. JUSTIN
ACTUALLY FRED C JUSSEN. THOMAS MARSHALL NEVER HEARD OF ANYOTHER
BREEN FAMILY EXCEPT DAVID BREEN. WALTER YATES, RURAL MAIL CARRIER
FOR MANY YEARS IN AREA WHERE MARSHALL AND JUSSEN RESIDE, NEVER HEARD
OF ANY BREEN FAMILY EXCEPT DAVID BREEN. FRED C JUSSEN PRESENTLY
RESIDING CARE OF WILLIAM N. FITZPATRICK, PROBABLY A SON IN LAW,
AT HADDONFIELD, NY. NEWARK WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRED C. JUSSEN
AND DEVELOP ANY AVAILABLE INFO REGARDING DAVID BREEN FAMILY AS WELL
AS INFO CONCERNING FAMILY PURPORTED TO HAVE PURCHASED COTTAGE
BEHIND JUSSEN HOME WHICH WAS REMODELED.

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RE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R.
RE SAN FRAN TEL TO BUREAU DATED TWO TWO FORTYNINE CONCERNING ASSOCI-
ATES OF HISS ON NYE COMMITTEE. WFO SHOULD TRY TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
THOSE MENTIONED IN REFERENCE TELETYPE. THE MISS LEE MENTIONED IS
A SUSPECT IN CASE FILE ENTITLED "UNSUB ALSO KNOWN AS LEE, EMPLOYED
BY NYE COMMITTEE DURING MIDDLE THIRTIES, ESPIONAGE DASH R".

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY ESPIONAGE R. INFORMATION OBTAINED THAT W. C. BOWEN WAS FORMER ASSOCIATE OF PHILIP RENO ON SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD WASHINGTON D.C. DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. IN SIGNED STATEMENT PHILIP RENO HAS ADMITTED COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS BUT DENIES ANY CONTACT WITH CHAMBERS OR ANY ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES. PHILIP RENO IS BROTHER TO FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO WHO HAS ADMITTED TURNING OVER TO CHAMBERS MATERIAL FROM ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS. INTERVIEW W. C. BOWEN WHO IS PRESENTLY REGIONAL DIRECTOR NATIONAL INFANTILE PARALYSIS FOUNDATION, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, FOR ANY INFORMATION RE PHILIP RENO AND SUTEL.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER^① CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE
EL PASO RPT JANUARY NINETEEN LAST, MENTIONING POOR PHYSICAL, MENTAL,
AND HIGHLY NEUROTIC CONDITION OF FRANKLIN VICTOR^① RENO AND EVIDENCE
OF PARANOIA. INASMUCH AS RENO MAY BE CALLED AS WITNESS IN HISS PERJURY
CASE SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL, SDNY, FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR, NEXT, IT IS
DESIRED EL PASO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THROUGH AVAILABLE SOURCES OR
OBSERVATION DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS OF RENO-S CONDITION AND AVAIL-
ABILITY AS COMETENT WITNESS.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, DEAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. REPLY TELEPHONE
CALL TO WFO THIS DATE AND INQUIRY AS TO STATUS OF REPORT COVERING ALL DOCUMENTS
INVOLVED IN INSTANT CASE. ALSO REBULET TO NY DATED JANUARY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND
NYLET TO BUREAU DATED JANUARY TWENTYONE, LAST. A REPORT COVERING DEPOSITION
DOCUMENTS, THAT IS, THE SEVENTY DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY BALTIMORE DIVISION FROM
WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WILL BE COMPLETED TODAY OR EARLY TOMORROW. A REPORT COVERING
GRAND JURY EXHIBITS, THAT IS, NUMBERS FORTYNINE AND FIFTYONE, WILL BE COMPLETED
TODAY OR EARLY TOMORROW. IT IS PRESENTLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ADVISE WHEN A REPORT
COVERING DOCUMENTS INVOLVED IN GRAND JURY EXHIBITS NUMBERS FORTYSEVEN AND FORTYEIGHT
WILL BE COMPLETED. DOCUMENTS COVERING THESE GRAND JURY EXHIBITS ARE MICROFILMS OF
STATE DEPT DOCUMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT HAD FURNISHED SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY
GENERAL THOMAS J. DONOGAN WITH PHOTOSTATIC COPIES, WHICH PURPORTED TO BE AUTHENTIC
STATE DEPT DOCUMENTS, OF THE DOCUMENTS MICROFILMED IN THIS EXHIBIT. HOWEVER,
EXAMINATION OF THESE DOCUMENTS INDICATES THAT THEY ARE NOT IDENTICAL. FOR THE INFO
OF NY DIVISION, ALL MESSAGES DIRECTED TO STATE DEPARTMENT ARE RECEIVED BY THE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION OF STATE DEPT. THE ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION IS CONSIDERED
TO BE AN QUOTE ACTION UNQUOTE COPY OF SUCH COMMUNICATION AND AS MANY INFORMATION
COPIES OF THE IDENTICAL COMMUNICATION ARE PREPARED AS THE NATURE OF THE INFORMATION
WARRANTS. INFORMATION COPIES ARE DISTRIBUTED TO DIVISIONS AND SECTION CHIEFS WHO
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP. R.

RETEL FROM NEW YORK, FEB: ONE LAST. DISCREET INQUIRY REVEALS

LEONARD H. DE CAUX AND WIFE HAVE OCCUPIED RESIDENCE AT SEVEN

NAUGHT ONE AND A HALF POINSETTA AVENUE, CORONA DEL MAR SINCE

DECEMBER LAST AND NOW RECEIVE MAIL AT THAT ADDRESS. J. C.

ABRAMS UNKNOWN THIS VICINITY. FURTHER INQUIRY RE DE CAUX AND

WIFE DEEMED INADVISABLE AT CORONA DEL MAR, WHICH IS SMALL RESORT

TOWN. REQUEST NEW YORK FORWARD NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR INTERVIEW.

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AN NEW YORK ADVISED SEPARATELY

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE
BALTIMORE TEL JAN EIGHTEEN LAST RELATIVE TO THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE
HANDLING OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS IN THIS CASE. REFERENCE TEL
INDICATED THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE IN THE POSSESSION OF OR WERE HANDLED
AND EXAMINED BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS..RICHARD F. CLEVELAND, WILLIAM
D. MAC MILLAN, ARTHUR E. EMERICK, CHARLES C. G. EVANS, WILLIAM L.
MARBURY, HAROLD ROSENWALD, T. EDWARD MC DONALD, FRANKLIN G. ALLEN.
FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREPARING A SUMMARY REPORT IN THIS CASE, IT IS
REQUESTED THAT BALTIMORE OBTAIN THE HOME ADDRESSES OF THE ABOVE MEN-
TIONED INDIVIDUALS. IT IS FURTHER NOTED IN REFERENCE TEL THAT POSSIBLY
FRANKLIN G. ALLEN, EMPLOYED BY THE MARBURY LAW FIRM, HAD HANDLED
AND EXAMINED THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE
WHETHER ALLEN HANDLED OR HAD POSSESSION OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, ESPIONAGE DASH R., INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R, PERJURY. AIGER HISS WAS ELECTED TO PHI BETA KAPPA WHILE AT JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, BALTL., MD. CONTACT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF PHI BETA KAPPA AT FIVE EAST FORTYFOURTH ST., NYC TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM HISS.

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DATE: February 3, 1949

ReBulet to Washington Field dated January 25, 1949 requesting an interview with Mr. HAROLD RUTTENBERG, Vice President of the Portsmouth Steel Company, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mr. RUTTENBERG was formerly Vice President at Portsmouth Steel but resigned during the latter part of December, 1948 to form a new company dealing in the buying and selling of steel at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. RUTTENBERG can be reached at the Schenley Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Referenced Bureau letter is enclosed to Pittsburgh with copies of this letter and the photographs forwarded with referenced letter are also enclosed for Pittsburgh.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. T. J. DONEGAN FURNISHED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF GJ ACTIVITIES INSTANT DATE. WILLIAM SPIEGEL TESTIFIED HE RENTED HIS BALTIMORE APT. TO DAVID CARPENTER FOR THREE MONTHS AT TWENTY DOLLARS PER MONTH, AT TIME ALLEGED BY CHAMBERS, BUT DENIED KNOWING REASON WHY CARPENTER RENTED APT. OR USE TO WHICH IT WAS PUT. STATED HE OCCASIONALLY SAW MAN WITH FOREIGN ACCENT VISITING APT. OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN THIS AM FOR CHAMBERS AGAIN TO VIEW BOTH WILLIAM AND ANNA SPIEGEL AND BOTH THEREAFTER TESTIFIED THAT HE VERY MUCH RESEMBLED MAN SEEN IN THEIR APT. DURING TIME IT WAS RENTED BY CARPENTER BUT DID NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. CHAMBERS IS POSITIVE WILLIAM AND ANNA WERE TENANTS OF THAT APT. AS PREVIOUSLY ALLEGED. BOTH SPIEGELS DENIED CP MEMBERSHIP OR KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF THAT DAVID CARPENTER WAS CP MEMBER. MAXIM LIEBER TESTIFIED VERY BRIEFLY. REFUSED TO ANSWER WHETHER HE KNEW CHAMBERS OR IF HE HAD EVER BEEN CP MEMBER. WILL RESUME HIS TESTIMONY FEBRUARY EIGHTH NEXT.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL, PERJURY ESPIONAGE- R.
WILL INTERVIEW PROF JOHN RUSSELL, MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP IN
PUBLIC AFFAIRS, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. RUSSELL WORKED WITH ALGER HISS IN
THE PREPARATION OF A PAMPHLET PREPARED BY CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR
INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONCERNING THE UNITED NATIONS, AND MAY HAVE
CORRESPONDENCE FROM HISS. OBTAIN ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN POSSESSION
OF RUSSELL FROM HISS AND SUBMIT TO BUREAU FOR COMPARISON KNOWN SPECIMENS
THIS CASE.

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URGENT

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WAS PERJURY ESPIONAGE DASH R. MILWAUKEE
OFFICE REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN IMMEDIATELY AND
DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF DAVID CARPENTER WA. DAVID ZIMMERMAN. FOR THE
CONFIDENTIAL INFO OF MILWAUKEE OFFICE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHEN HE TESTIFIED BEFORE FGJ NYC AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHOTO NOT DISPLAYED TO PIGMAN BY BUREAU
AGENTS. MILWAUKEE ALSO REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM PIGMAN HIS
VARIOUS RESIDENCES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., MARRIAGE DATE AND LOCATION,
NUMBER AND BIRTH DATE OF CHILDREN. ALSO ASCERTAIN IF PIGMAN HAS
ACCEPTED ANY EMPLOYMENT AND IF SO NAME AND LOCATION OF SAME. PHOTO
OF CARPENTER BEING FORWARDED AMSD TODAY. SUTEL.

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JAY DAVID CHITTAKER CHALBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. INTERVIEW CHARLES P. DORR, WHO OPERATES A CANNING FACTORY AT SAN ANSELMO AND FORMERLY HAD OFFICE IN KOHL BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO. DORR WAS EMPLOYED AT AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION WHEN ALGER HISS WAS EMPLOYED THERE. BUREAU WANTS THOROUGH INTERVIEW OF HISS'S FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND QUESTIONING OF DORR SHOULD INCLUDE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN CHALBERS AND HISS AND WHETHER DORR HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT HISS OF ~~ALL~~ TYPE FURNISHED GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TO CHALBERS. DETERMINE ALSO IF DORR HAS CORRESPONDED BY TYPEWRITER WITH HISS AND IF SO OBTAIN TYPEWRITING CORRESPONDENCE FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION. HISS EXCEPT FOR SHORT PERIOD WHEN ON LOAN TO NYE COMMITTEE WAS EMPLOYED AT AAA FROM MAY, THIRTYTHREE TO APRIL, THIRTYFIVE.

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cc-New York

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. REFERENCE
REPORT OF JAMES L. KIRKLAND DEC. SEVENTEEN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT AT
PHILA. PAGE SIX, REFERENCED REPORT, MENTIONS THAT FRANKLIN H. PRICE
WAS CONTACTED AND THAT HE TURNED OVER A SPECIMEN TO AGENTS. ADVISE
NAME OF AGENTS WHO SECURED THIS SPECIMEN, AND ALSO IF THIS SPECIMEN
WAS IDENTIFIED IN ANY WAY BY AGENTS OBTAINING SAME. SUTEL RESULT.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. BALTIMORE
REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE REPORT RE WILLIAM AND ANNA SPIEGEL. BACK
GROUND INFORMATION OF BOTH PARTIES ALSO REQUESTED AS WELL AS DETAILS
OF INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH THEM.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DACH R. REBULET JANUARY THREE LAST REQUESTING WHO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SIDNEY SHOSTECK AND RAY WARNER NAMED AS CP MEMBERS IN THIRTYFIVE WHO SUPERVISED CP ACTIVITIES OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO IN WASH., D.C. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS SIDNEY SHOSTECK WAS KILLED IN SPANISH CIVIL WAR. ROBERT SHOSTECK, BROTHER OF SIDNEY, STATED SIDNEY WAS ACTIVE IN CP ACTIVITIES IN THIRTYFIVE AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE KNEW NO ONE NAMED RAY WARNER, HE, ROBERT, DID RECALL A WILLY ARNOLD WHO WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF SIDNEY DURING ABOVE PERIOD AND ARNOLD ALSO LIVED IN SIDNEY'S HOME FOR BRIEF PERIOD IN ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYSIX. ROBERT STATES HIS MOTHER AND FATHER MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH FURTHER INFO RE SIDNEY, ARNOLD AND THEIR ACTIVITIES. ABOVE PERSONS ARE SAUL AND BESSIE SHOSTECK, PRESENTLY AT MUNICIPAL TRAILER CAMP, TAMPA, FLORIDA. ROBERT STATES HIS MOTHER HAS HEART CONDITION AND SUGGESTS SAUL BE CONTACTED FIRST AND CARE BE TAKEN IN INTERVIEW WITH THE MOTHER, WHO, ACCORDING TO ROBERT, MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH MOST OF INFO. NO INDICATION HERE THAT THE PARENTS EVER WERE CONNECTED WITH CP. INTERVIEW FULLY RE ACTIVITIES OF SIDNEY, NAMES OF ASSOCIATES AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MORE INFO RE RAY WARNER OR WILLY ARNOLD, IN PARTICULAR A DESCRIPTION OF ARNOLD. [REDACTED] ADVISES ONE WILLY ARNOLD WAS ROOMMATE OF SIDNEY IN THIRTYFIVE. CHAMBERS NAMED FRANKLIN RENO AS HAVING FURNISHED HIM WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFO. RENO AND HIS BROTHER PHILIP RENO IN SIGNED STATEMENTS TO NY AGENTS DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST ADMITTED CP ACTIVITY AND MEMBERSHIP, FRANKLIN FROM THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYEIGHT AND PHILIP FROM FORTYFOUR TO FORTYEIGHT. FRANKLIN USED CP NAME OF LANCE CLARK. EXPEDITE AND ADVISE WFO OF RESULTS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. ISR.
RE PHILA TEL TWO FOUR LAST RE INTERVIEW OF JOSEPHINE FRYE HERBST
AT MONTCLAIR, NJ. UNLESS NEWARK HAS SOME REASON WHY THIS INTERVIEW
SHOULD NOT BE CONDUCTED, IT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ALONG LINES REFLECTED
IN REFERENCED TEL. BUREAU SHOULD ADVISE NEWARK IF THEY HAVE ANY
OBJECTION TO THIS INTERVIEW.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RENYTEL
FEBRUARY THREE RELATIVE TO CHRONOLOGY OF HANDLING ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS
AND HOME ADDRESSES OF PERSONS IN BALTIMORE WHO HANDLED SAME. HOME
ADDRESSES OF PERSONS LISTED INREFTEL AS FOLLOWS. CLEVELAND, FOUR ONE
ONE ZERO GREENWAY, ~~MAC~~ MAC MILLAN, PINEHURST ON THE BAY, ANNE ARUNDEL
COUNTY, MD., EMERICK, WHOSE MIDDLE INITIAL IS "D" AND NOT "E", SEVEN
ONE SEVEN MELVILLE AVE., EVANS, SIX ENGLEWOOD ROAD, MARBURY, FORTY
THREE WARRENTON ROAD, MC DONALD, NINE FIVE FOUR ARGONEE DRIVE, ALLEN,
ONE FIVE TWO SIX STONEWOOD ROAD, ALL BALTIMORE, MD. AS INDICATED
IN MY TEL JANUARY EIGHTEEN, ROSENWALD ASSOCIATED WITH EDWARD C. MC LEAN
AND BELIEVED TO BE EMPLOYED BY NEW YORK LAW FIRM OF DEBEVOISE, PLYMPTON
AND MC LEAN AND TO RESIDE IN NEW YORK AREA. ROSENWALDS HOME ADDRESS
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. REFERENCES
MADE TO THE PUBLICATION ENTITLED "HEARINGS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EIGHTIETH CONGRESS"
COVERING THE HEARINGS JULY THIRTYONE THROUGH SEPT. NINE, NINETEEN FORTY
EIGHT. IN THE TESTIMONY OF LOUIS J. RUSSELL, PAGES ONE ONE ONE ONE,
AND ONE ONE ONE TWO, IT WAS REVEALED THAT ON JULY TWENTY THREE
NINETEEN THIRTYSIX ALGER HISS SOLD A CAR TO THE CHERNER MOTOR CO.,
ONE SEVEN EIGHT ONE FLORIDA AVE., NORTHWEST, AND ON THE SAME DATE
THIS CAR WAS RETITLED TO ONE WILLIAM ROSEN, FIVE FOUR NAUGHT FIVE
THIRTEEN ST., NW. WFO IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN AND FURNISH NY OFFICE
WITH PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THESE TWO CHANGES IN TITLE AND TO INTERVIEW
THE PERSONS IN CHERNER MOTOR CO. WHO ARE IN POSITION TO TESTIFY TO
THIS TRANSACTION.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP-R. BY TEL
FEB. THREE THIS OFFICE RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM WFO.

IN INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS, JANUARY FOURTEEN AT NY HE RELATED FOLLOW-
ING STORY IN CONNECTION WITH ORIGINAL UNDERGROUND APPARATUS OPER-
ATED BY HAROLD WARE WHICH INCLUDED DONALD HISS, CHARLES KRAMER,
VICTOR PERLO, HENRY HILL COLLINS, JR., LEE PRESSMAN AND NATHAN WITT.
EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD HIS OWN SEPARATE CELL CONSISTING OF
TEN TO TWENTY PERSONS WHO WERE EMPLOYED IN VARIOUS GOVT. AGENCIES IN
D. C. AT THIS TIME THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT ABSTRACTING ANY
DOCUMENTS FROM THE VARIOUS GOVT. AGENCIES BUT WERE PLACED THERE SO
THAT THEIR SERVICES MIGHT BE USED IN THE EVENT AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE.
ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN HAROLD WARE-S CELL WAS JOHN HERRMAN,
ASCERTAINED BY WFO TO BE JOHN HERRMANN WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE CP
AND WHO AT ONE TIME WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN REED CLUB IN NYC AT
THE TIME CHAMBERS WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CLUB. HERRMANN WAS
MARRIED TO JOSEPHINE HERBST WHO HAD BEEN THE AUTHOR OF TWO OR THREE
FAIRLY WELL ACCEPTED NOVELS AND WAS CONSIDERED A LEADING LIGHT IN
THE LITERARY WORLD. HERRMANN AND HIS WIFE IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN

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THIRTYFIVE AND THIRTYSIX RESIDED IN AN APARTMENT ON THE WEST SIDE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., BETWEEN MASSACHUSETTS AVE. AND DUPONT CIRCLE, NW, WASH., D. C. WFO NOTES THAT NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MASSACHUSETTS AVENUES INTERSECT AT DUPONT CIRCLE. SOMETIME ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYSIX IN A CONVERSATION BETWEEN HERRMANN AND CHAMBERS, HERRMANN STATED THAT ^A A FAMILY BY THE NAME SILVERMAN CONSISTING OF HUSBAND, WIFE AND CHILD WAS RESIDING ON TWENTYEIGHTH ST. IN WASH. NEXT DOOR TO THE RESIDENCE OF ^{Alger} ALGER AND ^{Hiss} PRISCILLA HISS. THIS SILVERMAN, ACCORDING TO WFO, IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH A. GEORGE SILVERMAN MENTIONED PROMINENTLY IN THIS CASE. FURTHER, THAT J. PETERS HAD INSTRUCTED HAROLD WARE AND JOHN HERRMANN LATE ONE EVENING TO GO TO THE SILVERMAN HOUSEHOLD AND ARRANGE TO TAKE SILVERMAN OUT OF HIS HOUSE AND GET HIM AWAY FROM WASH., D. C. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HERRMANN AND WARE ACCOMPLISHED THIS BUT CHAMBERS DOES NOT RECALL WHERE THEY TOOK SILVERMAN. AS AN EXPLANATION OF THIS UNUSUAL SITUATION CHAMBERS RELATED THAT HERRMANN TOLD HIM THAT PETERS OR SOMEONE IN THE PARTY HAD FOUND OUT THAT SILVERMAN AND DAVID K. ^X NILES, PRESENT ADVISOR TO PRES. TRUMAN, HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN HOMOSEXUAL ACTS AND THAT WHILE THIS AFFAIR WAS GOING ON SILVERMAN HAD BEEN WRITING TO NILES AND INFORMING HIM OF ACTIVITIES OF THE UNDERGROUND APPARATUS IN WASH. THAT NILES IN AN EFFORT TO GET SILVERMAN FROM HIS FAMILY HAD THREATENED TO EXPOSE THE FACTS SURROUNDING CP

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UNDERGROUND IN WASH. CHAMBERS HAS NO FURTHER INFO CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT BUT HAS REMARKED THAT IT IS A COMMON PRACTICE TO ACCUSE A PARTY MEMBER OF SCANDALOUS CONDUCT IN ORDER TO SMEAR HIM. CHAMBERS HAS NO FURTHER INFO CONCERNING IDENTITY OF SILVERMAN NOR THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN HERRMANN OR HIS WIFE. NY TEL JAN. TWENTYEIGHT REFLECTED CHAMBERS FURTHER STATED THAT WHEN HE FIRST RECEIVED DOCUMENTS FROM ALGER HISS HE PHOTOGRAPHED THESE DOCUMENTS HIMSELF EITHER AT HISS HOME OR AT THE HOME OF HERRMANN. HE STATED THAT HERRMANN HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO WASH. TO BE AN ASSISTANT TO HAROLD WARE IN THE APPARATUS. CHAMBERS STATED THAT ROBERT COE RECEIVED DOCUMENTS FROM HARRY DEXTER WHITE AND GAVE THEM TO HIM AND HE TOOK THEM TO HERRMANN-S APARTMENT IN WASH. AND PHOTOGRAPHED THEM. WFO SUGGESTED THAT HERRMANN AND HERBST BE LOCATED AND THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED RELATIVE TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS APPARATUS AND THAT NY BE FURNISHED ANY INFO AVAILABLE RE SILVERMAN AND HIS LOCATION. HERBST-S HOME WAS LISTED IN ERWINNA, PA. FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF HERBST

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SET OUT IN WHO-S WHO IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT DASH FORTYNINE UNDER
NAME JOSEPHINE FREY/HERBST. INQUIRY ERWINNA, PA. REFLECTS THAT
HERRMANN AND HERBST ARE SEPARATED, THAT HERRMANN HAS NOT BEEN IN
ERWINNA FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS. POSTMASTER ERWINNA RECEIVED
NOTIFICATION APPROX. ONE MONTH AGO FROM HERBST THAT HER ADDRESS
WAS FORTYSEVEN SOUTH FULLERTON AVE., MONTCLAIR, N. J. NY OFFICE
SHOULD CLEAR THIS INTERVIEW AND INSTRUCT NEWARK IF INTERVIEW SHOULD
BE CONDUCTED. WFO HAS REQUESTED SUTEL OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW IN
ORDER THAT SILVERMAN INVESTIGATION BE CONCLUDED THERE.

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JOSEPH ~~JIULETTE~~, WAS., ET AL. ESPIONAGE R.

REBUTEL TO NEW HAVEN, NEW YORK AND BOSTON ENTITLED JAY DAVID WHITTAKER

CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL, ALGER HISS, PERJURY - ESPIONAGE R, INSTRUCTING

THAT SIMULTANEOUS INTERVIEWS BE HELD IN NEW LONDON OF SUBJECT, FRANK

DRAMINSKI AND DUDLEY CHAPMAN AND IN BOSTON OF ZACHARY BARANOFF. NEW

HAVEN CONTEMPLATES INTERVIEWING ITS SUBJECTS TUESDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY

EIGHT, SHORTLY AFTER LUNCH. CONTACT WILL BE HAD WITH BOSTON OFFICE

PRIOR TO THAT TIME. NEW YORK SEE NEW HAVEN LETTER TO BUREAU, CC - NEW

YORK, DATED JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN LAST ENTITLED JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMB-

ERS, WAS., ET AL, PERJURY, ESP R WITH WHICH WERE TRANSMITTED PHOTOS OF

JIULETTE SO THAT SAME MIGHT BE SHOWN TO CHAMBERS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER

OR NOT JIULETTE IS IDENTICAL WITH THE QUOTE MARIANO UNQUOTE INDIVIDUAL

WHO, ACCORDING TO CHAMBERS, FURNISHED HIM WITH SUBMARINE PLANS IN

THIRTYTHREE. NEW YORK REQUESTED SUTEL BEFORE TUESDAY AM, EIGHTH INST.

WHETHER OR NOT CHAMBERS HAS IDENTIFIED JIULETTE AS MARIANO.

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PAUL L. BAMFIELD, HEADMASTER, LONDON SCHOOL, BETHESDA, MARYLAND,

WHERE TIMOTHY HOBSON ATTENDED SCHOOL NINETEEN THIRTYSIX TO FORTY, ADVISED
HE HAD VAGUE RECOLLECTION PRISCILLA HISS FORMERLY TAUGHT SCHOOL AT LITTLE
RED SCHOOL HOUSE IN NYC. SUGGEST CHECK AT THIS SCHOOL TO VERIFY POSSIBLE
FORMER EMPLOYMENT UNDER NAMES PRISCILLA HISS, PRISCILLA FANSLER, OR
PRISCILLA HOBSON.

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J.D. WHITTAKER CHANDERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
RE FOLLOWING TEL SENT BY WASHINGTON FIELD ON FEB. SECOND LAST
TO DIRECTOR AND OMAHA. QUOTE SETH THOMAS, JUDGE, EIGHTH CIRCUIT,
FORT DODGE, IOWA, WAS AN ATTORNEY AND SUPERIOR OF ALGER HISS AT
DEPT OF AGRICULTURE DURING PERIOD HISS WAS EMPLOYED THERE. REBUTEL
JANUARY TEN LAST TO ALL SACS. OMAHA REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THOMAS
WITH REFERENCE TO THIS MATTER AND IN ADDITION, IS TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THOMAS CAN FURNISH ANY INFO AS TO HISS-ASSOCIATES WHILE
EMPLOYED IN DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, IN PARTICULAR WITH REFERENCE TO
ALLEGATIONS THAT HISS WAS INVOLVED IN A CP UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT
IN WASHINGTON DURING THAT PERIOD. THOMAS SHOULD BE QUESTIONED
AS TO ANY INDIVIDUALS HE MAY HAVE MET THROUGH HISS OR AT HISS
RESIDENCE, IF HE VISITED THERE. UNQUOTE.
CIRCUIT JUDGE SETH THOMAS, EIGHTH CIRCUIT, IOWA WAS
SOLICITOR FOR DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FROM APRIL TWENTYTHREE TO SEPT.
THIRTYFIVE. ALGER HISS WAS AN ATTORNEY IN THE LEGAL DEPT OF THE
FARM ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION OF DEPT OF AGRICULTURE WHEN JUDGE
THOMAS ACCEPTED POSITION AS SOLICITOR. ALGER HISS WAS ORIGINALLY

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EMPLOYED BY AND WORKED UNDER DIRECTION OF JEROME FRANK UNTIL LATE IN THIRTYFOUR OR EARLY IN THIRTYFIVE WHEN LEGAL DEPT OF FARM ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION WAS COMBINED WITH LEGAL DEPT. OF SOLICITORS OFFICE AND ALL THE LEGAL DEPTS WERE PLACED UNDER SUPERVISION OF JUDGE THOMAS. JEROME FRANK IS PRESENTLY CIRCUIT JUDGE IN CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, NYC, NY. JUDGE THOMAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH ALGER HISS PRIOR TO TIME ALL LEGAL DEPTS CAME UNDER HIS SUPERVISION. THROUGH HIS INFREQUENT CONTACTS FOR THE SHORT TIME AFTER THE CHANGE, JUDGE THOMAS FOUND ALGER HISS TO BE QUIET, VERY INTELLIGENT, COOPERATIVE AND A COMPETENT ATTORNEY. HE FOUND HIS WORK TO BE VERY CREDITABLE AND RECEIVED NO REPORTS THAT WOULD DISCREDIT HIM IN ANY WAY. JUDGE THOMAS DID NOT LEARN OF ANY OF HISS ASSOCIATES OR RECEIVE ANY INDICATION WHATSOEVER OF HISS BEING INVOLVED IN A CP UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT AT THAT TIME OR LEARN OF HIS ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL VIEWS OR AFFILIATIONS. JUDGE THOMAS DID NOT MEET ANY INDIVIDUALS THROUGH HISS AND WAS NEVER AT HIS RESIDENCE. IN FACT, WAS NOT WELL ENOUGH ACQUAINTED WITH HISS TO KNOW WHETHER HISS WAS MARRIED OR WHERE HE RESIDED AT THE TIME. IF DEEMED ADVISABLE SUGGEST NEW YORK INTERVIEW CIRCUIT JUDGE JEROME FRANK, NYC AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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NYC INTERVIEW WILLIAM F. EARLS, ONE SEVEN EAST EIGHTYFOURTH STREET,

NYC, A FORMER NEIGHBOR OF ALGER HISS WHEN HISS LIVED AT THREE TWO ONE NAUGHT P ST., NW, DC., NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO FORTYSEVEN.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R, IS DASH R.
RE ST. PAUL TELETYPE, FEBRUARY FIRST, FORTY NINE. DR. O. J. CASE,
SALAMANCA, NY, FORMER COMMANDER IN USN AT UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY,
NY, STATES ANY RECORDS OR CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING TIMOTHY HOBSON'S
CASE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF CHIEF PHARMACIST MATE MELVIN
OGBORN AT UNION AND THAT EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE
WOULD BE KNOWN TO OGBORN. PRESENT STATUS OR WHEREABOUTS OGBORN UN-
KNOWN TO CASE. REQUEST NEW YORK CHECK NAVY ENLISTED PERSONNEL RECORDS,
GARDEN CITY, NY, TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OGBORN FOR INTER-
VIEW PURPOSES.

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J. D. WITTERICH, CHIEF, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. REURTEL FEBRUARY ONE, LAST. JOHN COLLIER, SR., RESIDES TWO SIX EAST NINETYTHIRD, NYC, AND TEACHES CONY, VISITS WASHINGTON IRREGULARLY. INTERVIEW. COLLIER HEAD OF BUREAU INDIAN AFFAIRS FROM APRIL, NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE UNTIL JANUARY, FORTYFIVE. ANDRE PERBERY MENTIONED IN RETEL IDENTIFIED AS ANDRE PERBERY. ALPHABETICAL SECTION NINETEEN THIRTYSIX DIRECTORY LISTS RESIDENCE TWO ONE TWO NINE FLORIDA AVENUE, NW, NEAR CONNECTICUT AVENUE INTERSECTION. STREET ADDRESS SECTION, SAME DIRECTORY, CONTAINS NO MENTION PERBERY. NO RECORD INDIAN AFFAIRS. ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE OF JOHN COLLIER, JR., AND CUREL APPROPRIATE LEAD TO INTERVIEW. SOME INDICATION AT INDIAN AFFAIRS THAT COLLIER, JR. RAN ORGANIZATION AT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AND MAY HAVE EMPLOYEE PERBERY. THE SALARY PAID FROM SPECIAL FUNDS NOT INTERIOR FUND, AND INTERIOR OFFICIALS UNABLE LOCATE RECORDS THIS SECTION. INVESTIGATION HERE CONTINUING.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE -R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. REBUTEL TO BOSTON FEB. ONE LAST, REQUESTING BOSTON OBTAIN FROM PROFESSOR RICHARD HINKLEY FIELD, OF HARVARD UNIV., THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES, BUSINESS, SOCIAL OR OTHERWISE, OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS INASMUCH AS THEY MAY HAVE RECEIVED TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS. PROFESSOR FIELD ADVISES THAT HE BELIEVES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE THE ONES WITH WHOM HISS WOULD BE MOST LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT SINCE HIS GRADUATION FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. WILLIAM H. VODREY, JR., DEAD-MAN-S LANE, EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO, JOSEPH F. JOHNSTON, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, CHARLES H. WILLARD, FIFTEEN BROAD STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, OSCAR M. SHAW, ONE BOSTON, JOHN DICKEY, PRESIDENT OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, HANOVER, N. H., JESSE SLINGLUFF, ONE NAUGHT FOUR WEST OAKDALE ROAD, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND EDWARD G. CHANDLER, TWENTY SIX ELEVEN ETNA STREET, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. FOR THE INFORMATION OF OFFICES RECEIVING LEADS IN THIS CASES, THE FOREGOING INDIVIDUALS ARE ALL GRADUATES OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE, END OF PAGE ONE

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MASSACHUSETTS, AND ARE ATTORNEYS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES. THE OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS TELETYPE WILL INTERVIEW THE INDIVID-
UAL LOCATED IN THEIR TERRITORY FOR ANY TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL EMANATING FROM ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS, ANY MATERIAL OBTAINED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH SIXTY FOUR DOCUMENTS FURNISHED BY CHAMBERS, AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY, FOR EXAMINATION. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK OFFICE, PROFESSOR FIELD STATES THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE ALGER HISS QUOTE DID NOT TYPE AT ALL END QUOTE. HE BELIEVES ANY CORRESPONDENCE OF A PERSONAL NATURE EMANATING FROM HISS WOULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, OR, IF TYPED WOULD HAVE BEEN DICTATED TO A STENOGRAPHER. HE FURTHER STATED HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES OF ALGER HISS AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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JOSEPH JIULETTE, WAS., ETAL, ESPIONAGE R. REBUTEL ENTITLED "J.D.W. 1742
CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL" FEB. THREE LAST AND NEW HAVEN TEL ENTITLED
AS ABOVE FEBRUARY FOUR, FORTYNINE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF JOSEPH JIULETTE
FURNISHED WITH NEW HAVEN LETTER JAN. TWENTYSEVEN LAST DISPLAYED TO
CHAMBERS INSTANT DATE. CHAMBERS STATES THE NINETEEN THIRTYSIX PHOTO
GRAPH DOES NOT RESEMBLE THE INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM HE WAS IN CONTACT
AT ELECTRIC BOAT COMPANY, NEW LONDON. THINKS THAT THE ONE HE CALLED
"MARIANO" HAD A MORE ITALIAN LOOK, WAS NOT AS HEAVY LOOKING, DID NOT
HAVE THE 'AUTHORITATIVE LOOK THAT NINETEEN THIRTYSIX PHOTOGRAPH
INDICATES. STATED MARIANO WAS A NERVOUS, EXCITABLE MAN WHO GESTURED
A GREAT DEAL. ONLY THING IN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX PHOTOGRAPH WHICH
APPEARS TO JIBE IS THE HAIR. THE FORTYEIGHT PHOTOGRAPH WAS ALSO
DISPLAYED AND CHAMBERS STATED HE MIGHT "READ A LIKENESS INTO THAT
PHOTO". HE SAID THE PHOTOGRAPH, HOWEVER, DOES NOT JIBE WITH MY IDEA
OF WHAT "MARIANO" LOOKED LIKE. POSSIBILITY, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED
TO NEW HAVEN THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER ITALIAN INVOLVED IN ADDITION
TO JIULETTE. IT IS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THESE PHOTOGRAPHS
MAY NOT BE GOOD PICTURES. BOSTON BEING FURNISHED NECESSARY INFOR-
MATION TO CONDUCT BARANOFF INTERVIEW BY SPECIAL DELIVERY MAIL TODAY.

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RE NY TEL FEB FOUR CONCERNING SPECIMEN OBTAINED BY WFO FROM MRS. HENRY ABBOTT, WHICH SPECIMEN FBI LAB IDENTIFIES AS HAVING BEEN TYPED ON WOODSTOCK IN QUESTION. MRS. JAMES DICKEY, WHOSE ADDRESS APPEARS ON PAGE SEVEN THREE REPORT SA COURTLAND J. JONES, WFO, JAN TWENTY EIGHT LAST, IS ELECTED SECRETARY OF BRYN MAWR CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D. C. HER TERM OF OFFICE LASTS FROM MAY ONE, FORTY EIGHT UNTIL MAY ONE NEXT AND AS SUCH SHOULD HAVE LAWFUL CUSTODY OF ALL RECORDS OF CLUB. MRS. HENRY ABBOTT, ON HER OWN VOLITION, PROBABLY DUE TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF THIS CASE, SECURED FROM MRS. DICKEY THE MINUTES OF THE CLUB FOR THE YEAR MRS. ABBOTT WAS PRESIDENT. WHEN AGENT CONTACTED MRS. ABBOTT, SHE ADVISED SHE HAD SUCCEEDED PRISCILLA HISS AS PRESIDENT OF CLUB. WHEN AGENT QUESTIONED HER RE SPECIMENS, SHE PRODUCED MINUTES FOR HER TERM AS PRESIDENT, REMOVED SPECIMEN IN QUESTION AND FURNISHED IT TO AGENT. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, IT IS FELT PROBABLY NECESSARY TO ISSUE SUBPOENA FOR BOTH ABBOTT AND DICKEY.

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REREP OF SA CORTLAND J. JONES AT WASH., DC., JAN. TWENTY EIGHT, FORTY
NINE. PAGE FIFTY SEVEN OF REF REPORT IT IS REPORTED THAT SPECIMEN
WAS OBTAINED FROM MRS. HENRY ABBOTT WHO IN TURN SECURED IT FROM MRS.
JAMES DICKEY. ADVISE WHICH ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS COMPETENT TO
TESTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN DID IN FACT COME FROM THE BRYN MAWR CLUB
FILE. IF MRS. DICKEY IS THE ONE, PLEASE ADVISE HER PRESENT HOME
ADDRESS. ON PAGE FIFTY FOUR AND FIFTY FIVE OF REF REPORT, INTERVIEW
WITH CHARLES E. PRIZZELL IS SET FORTH. IT IS INDICATED HE WAS TO BE
REINTERVIEWED AND A SIGNED STATEMENT WAS TO BE
OBTAINED. ADVISE IF SUCH INTERVIEW HAS TAKEN PLACE AND IF SIGNED
STATEMENT HAS BEEN SECURED. FURTHER, IF HE IS COMPETENT TO TESTIFY
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP DASH R. REMYTEL FEBRUARY
FOUR LAST. C. EASTON ROTHWELL TODAY CONTACTED THE OFFICE AND ADVISED
HE HAD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE CORRESPONDENCE
FROM ALGER HISS IN EVENT SUBPOENA FOR ROTHWELL BE CONTEMPLATED.
SUGGEST THIS BE HELD IN ABEYANCE ^{END} PENDING REINTERVIEW.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY. ESP. - R. REMYTEL
FEBRUARY FIFTH. C. EASTON ROTHWELL TODAY FURNISHED TWENTYTHREE
TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS RECEIVED FROM ALGER HISS ON CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT
LETTERHEADS FROM PERIOD, AUGUST FIVE, FORTY SEVEN TO SEPTEMBER THREE,
FORTY EIGHT WHICH ARE BEING FORWARDED LABORATORY AMSD. ROTHWELL HAS
REQUESTED CONTENTS OF LETTERS BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL WITHIN BUREAU. *[initials]*
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/17/49

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. et al
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Remytel 1/17/49.

Agents of the New York Office are currently taking the statement from CHAMBERS relative to his activities in Soviet Intelligence. In this connection, he has furnished information which relates specifically to the recruitment of ARVID WERNER JACOBSON for Soviet Intelligence in 1933.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

"I recall that Max Bedacht told me that he had a man waiting in New York who should be introduced to Ulrich, who apparently would know just what purpose this individual was to serve. I mentioned this to Ulrich and from his reaction he apparently knew the nature of the operation and asked that I meet this individual and give him my opinion as to the fitness of this individual for underground work in a dangerous European country. As a result of Ulrich's instructions I got in touch with Max Bedacht. It was then arranged that I would meet Bedacht at the Automat on Broadway near Astor Place. Upon my arrival I observed Bedacht with a young fellow. Shortly after entering the Automat, Bedacht introduced me to his companion, whose name he stated was Arvid Jacobson. After the introduction Bedacht left. I talked to Arvid for some period of time and subsequently made a report to Ulrich. I informed Ulrich that the young fellow appeared to be a poor prospect; that he was high-strung, and generally probably not suited for the type of work that he would encounter in the underground in a foreign country. I also informed Ulrich that as a result of my conversation with Arvid I learned that he was a Finnish-American and had been a schoolteacher in Michigan. I pointed out that Arvid had two fingers missing. Any kind of deformation or mutilation is considered a drawback in underground since it leaves to easy identification. In spite of my objections to Arvid as a poor prospective for underground activities, Ulrich decided to meet this individual and talk to him. At the time of my first conversation with Arvid I arranged a second meeting with him and on the occasion of this second meeting Ulrich and myself met Arvid. This occurred in Bryant Park immediately behind the New York Public Library near 42nd Street. I left Ulrich and Jacobson alone and this was the last time I ever saw the latter individual. I did later read in the New York papers of his involvement in an espionage case and his arrest and trial in Finland. Max Bedacht subsequently told me that Arvid Jacobson had been recruited for underground work by one Mrs. Morton. Mrs. Morton, Bedacht said, was the pseudonym for the wife of Otto Kussinev. Otto Kussinev, I knew, had been for many years a leader in the Communist International. Later

MRS. OTTO KUSSINEV

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"I learned that during the winter war between Russia and Finland, Kussinev was the head of the so-called Terijoki government, which the Russians tried to foist upon the Finns. Kussinev's daughter, Herta Kussinev, is now the dominant force in the present government of Finland. At the time of Bedacht's conversation with me he said that Mrs. Morton had been working for some time under this alias as underground operator in Michigan".

It is noted that JACOBSON'S version of his recruitment, as furnished agents of the Detroit Office, is substantially that he, through the Finnish Federation in New York, met a Finnish woman who offered a teaching position to him in Karelia and included in the deal JACOBSON was to study at the University of Helsinki. JACOBSON has indicated that he accepted the proposition because of the advantages of further education.

For the information of the Detroit Office, CHAMBERS furnished the following information concerning Ulrich:

"During the length of my operations in the underground (1932) Sherman introduced me to an individual who I knew only as Ulrich or Walter. During my association with this individual I referred to him both as Ulrich and Walter. However, for the purpose of this statement I will refer to him hereinafter as Ulrich. The following is a description of Ulrich as I recall him: age 40 to 50 in 1932; born Kerch, Russia; height five feet five inches or five feet six inches; eyes brown; hair gray; face bony with an impish look; marital status married; wife's name ELAINE or MARIA, who spoke English with an accent and also spoke Russian".

in [redacted] an informant of the New York Office, beginning generally referred to as the [redacted] has described presumably the same individual known to CHAMBERS as ULRICH. He was known to [redacted] as WALTER. [redacted] described WALTER as follows: 5'5"; a Russian Jew; hair black, bushy, iron gray at temples; eyes brown; calm peaceful expression; characteristics formerly in the Russian Navy and Merchant Marine, spoke English with a fluent accent.

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CHAMBERS also stated that it was his impression that ULRICH had been connected with the Russian Merchant Marine.

Supplementary to the statement quoted above, CHAMBERS stated that the circumstances of his meetings with JACOBSON were such that JACOBSON certainly knew he was going into underground work.

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A photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, taken in 1931, is furnished the Detroit Office. There is also enclosed a photograph of MAX BEDACHT taken in 1947. No photograph of BEDACHT contemporary with the period in question is immediately available.

The Detroit Office is requested to immediately interview JACOBSON for his version of the meetings with BEDACHT, CHAMBERS and ULRICH. In this connection, JACOBSON should be requested to furnish a description of ULRICH.

For the information of the Detroit Office, consideration is being given by Special Assistant to the Attorney General, T.J. DONEGAN, to the issuance of a subpoena requesting JACOBSON to appear before the Special Grand Jury now meeting in New York. MAX BEDACHT was recently before the Grand Jury.

A summary of the results of the interview should be furnished the Bureau and New York by teletype.

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PHILADELPHIA TEL TO BUREAU JANUARY NINETEEN LAST. NEITHER BUREAU NOR WFO
PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF PHOTOS OF PRISCILLA OR ALGER HISS DURING PERIOD
AROUND NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. WFO IS ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE THESE PHOTOS.

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Director, FBI

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There are enclosed herewith for the New York and Baltimore Offices, two photographic documents, one dated July 15, 1946, and the other dated June 30, 1941, which are affidavits sworn by Franklin Victor Reno, in which he stated that he was not a member of any organization which would strike against the Government; and, further, that he was not a member of any organization or political party which advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL. PERJURY, ESP R. CHAMBERS
INTERVIEWED TODAY FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS. CHAMBERS PLANS TO
LEAVE NYC AT FOUR THIRTY PM FOR HIS HOME IN WESTMINSTER, MD. IN ACC-
ORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, CHAMBERS WILL REPORT TO WASH FLD
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JAY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ~~WAS~~ WAS, ETAL PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R. MURIEL SMITH ANDERSON, WHARTON, NJ, STATES SHE WAS APPROACHED IN ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE BY HEIMAN JADOWITZ, LABORATORY ASSISTANT, PICT-ATINNY ARSENAL, AND ASKED IF SHE DESIRED TO PERFORM STENOGRAPHIC WORK FOR A FRIEND OF HIS IN NYC ON WEEKENDS. JADOWITZ LATER BROUGHT MAN NAMED BROWN, WHO MRS. ANDERSON HAS IDENTIFIED AS BEING WHITTAKER CHAMBERS TO HER HOME IN DOVER AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR HER TO WORK ON SATURDAY ~~MORNINGS~~ MORNINGS. SHE DID GO TO NY FOUR SATURDAYS, THREE OF WHICH SHE PERFORMED TYPING DUTIES, USUALLY COPYING MATERIAL FROM LIBRARY BOOKS, AND THE FOURTH FOUND NO ONE AT BROWNS OFFICE. SHE BECAME SKEPTICAL AND WHEN CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY BY BROWN SHE TOLD HIM SHE DID NOT DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE WORK. SHE WAS LATER CONTACTED BY JADOWITZ AS TO REASONS FOR ~~DISCONTINUING~~ DISCONTINUING HER WORK. SHE ~~WAS~~ ~~WAS~~ MET NO ONE OTHER THAN BROWN AT THE OFFICE AND RECALLS HE OCCUPIED A SMALL GLASS EMPANELED OFFICE AMONG MANY OF THE SAME TYPE IN AN UNRECALLED LOCATION IN NY. JADOWITZ WAS ~~WAS~~ INTERVIEWED AT ARSENAL PRIOR TO SECURING OF ABOVE INFO I RECORDED 130 IDENTIFIED MILLER OR MISS SMITH AND DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE ~~OF~~ OF ABOVE. JADOWITZ PRESENTLY AT UNKNOWN ADDRESS IN NY BUT WILL BE INTERVIEWED TOMORROW NIGHT AT

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HIS HOME IN DOVER. SHOULD CHAMBERS BE ABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFO CONCERNING JADOWITZ, REQUEST IT BE FURNISHED NEWARK BEFORE INTERVIEW. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TO ALL SACS JANUARY TEN, LAST, RE HANDLING OF INSTANT MATTER. LT. GLEN
G. BARTLE WAS COMMANDING OFFICER, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, WHEN TIMOTHY HOBSON
WAS IN NAVY THERE FROM MARCH ONE, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO OCTOBER TWENTYFIVE,
FORTYFOUR. HOBSON IS SON OF MRS. PRISCILLA HOBSON HISS BY FORMER MARRIAGE
AND WAS RELEASED FROM NAVY AS A HOMOSEXUAL. INTERVIEW BARTLE FOR ANY INFO
IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING HOBSON AND IN PARTICULAR IF HE IS IN RECEIPT
OF ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE THAT COULD HAVE EMANATED FROM HISS HOME.

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HOBSON, SON OF MRS. PRISCILLA HOBSON HESS BY FORMER MARRIAGE, WAS IN NAVY
AT UNION COLLEGE, FROM NOVEMBER ONE, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO JULY TWENTYSIX,
FORTHFIVE, UNDER COMMAND OF LT. F. D. ANDREEN, ANDREEN NOW RESIDING ONE
SIX TWO TAYLOR AVENUE, FT. SNELLING, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. INTERVIEW ANDREEN
FOR ALL INFO IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING HOBSON, IT BEING OBSERVED THAT
HOBSON WAS DISCHARGED FROM NAVY AS A HOMOSEXUAL. ASCERTAIN IF ANDREEN HAS
ANY TYPEWRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE IN HIS POSSESSION THAT COULD HAVE EMANATED
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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NYC

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER⁰ CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, ESPIONAGE DASH R, PERJURY.
MRS. DOUGLAS BURDEN LOCATED AT MOUNT TREMBLANT LODGE, ST. JOVITE,
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, CANADA. NOT DUE TO RETURN HOME UNTIL FEB FIVE.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 1, 1949

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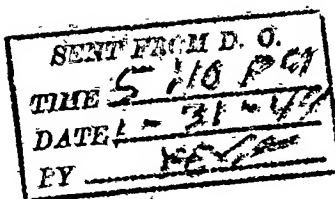
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PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to a telephone call from Miss Arlene Willey, of your Office, on January 27, 1949, with reference to the enclosures to my memorandum to you dated January 26, 1949. Pursuant to Miss Willey's request there are being transmitted herewith two additional photostatic documents, one dated July 15, 1946, and the other dated June 30, 1941, which are affidavits signed by Franklin Victor Reno.

cc - The Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Alexander M. Campbell
Criminal Division

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CONF THREE STATIONS

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DIRECTOR AND SACS URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R, IS DASH R. RE WFO LETTER TO BUREAU JAN. TWENTY-FOUR LAST, SETTING OUT A LEAD FOR BOSTON TO INTERVIEW FRANCES A. SORTWELL, FORMER NEIGHBOR OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS, WHO RESIDED AT THIRTY FOUR TEN VOLTA PLACE, N. W. WASHINGTON, D.C. FRANCES SORTWELL ON INTERVIEW STATED SHE RESIDED AT WASHINGTON ADDRESS FROM NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT TO NINETEEN FORTY, AT WHICH TIME SHE RETURNED TO WISCASSET, MAINE. SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS AT A GEORGETOWN COCKTAIL PARTY BY JUDGE JOHN STERNHAGEN OF WASHINGTON, D.C. STATES DEAN ACHESON AND ARCHIBALD MACLEISH APPEARED FRIENDLY WITH HISSES AND BELIEVES PRISCILLA HISS SECRETARY TO MACLEISH AT THAT TIME. STATES HER CONTACT WITH THE HISSES LIMITED TO A SOCIAL SPEAKING ACQUAINTANCE. SHE HAS RECEIVED NO TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS AND KNOWS NOTHING CONCERNING OTHER ASSOCIATES OF HISS OR WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAMBERS EXHIBITED TO MRS. SORTWELL WHO STATES SHE NEVER OBSERVED HIM AT ANY TIME.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 8, 1949

There is forwarded herewith one (1) Eastman Kodak folding camera, "Century" Model, case No. 126, in accordance with the telephonic instructions of the Bureau on this date.

The above camera was obtained this date from the premises of J. W. RYNDERS, 909 Summit Avenue, Bronx, New York, under a search warrant issued in the Southern District of New York on January 6, 1949.

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RENYTEL JANUARY TWENTY-EIGHT LAST. INTERVIEW WITH NOEL FIELD
WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED WHILE HE REMAINS IN EUROPE.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. REBUTED
JAN. TWENTYSIXTH LAST GRANTING AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW NOEL AND HERTA
FIELD AMONG OTHERS. BY BOSTON REPORT DATED DECEMBER TWENTYTWO FORTY
EIGHT IN PRESENT MATTER INFORMATION REVEALED NOEL FIELD WAS REPORTED
IN PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA EARLY DECEMBER FORTYEIGHT CARE OF KAREL
HASTL, KARLOVA NUMBER EIGHT, PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND HAD MAIL
ADDRESS TWENTY TWO RUE DE CONTAMINES, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND. IN EVENT
BUREAU DESIRES INTERVIEW OF THE FIELDS RE KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATION
WITH HISS AND CHAMBERS SUGGESTED SAME BE HANDLED THROUGH BUREAU
LIAISON CHANNELS. BOSTON REQUESTED TO PREPARE SUMMARY
INFORMATION RE NOEL AND HERTA FIELD INCORPORATING INFO NOT PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED TO NY IN THIS CASE. BOSTON REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW NINA
FIELD, VALLEY FARM, SHIRLEY MASS., IN LIGHT OF INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED
BULET JAN. THIRD FORTYEIGHT. REFERENCE IN SAME CONNECTION REPORT OF
SA W. J. MC CARTHY DATED JUNE ELEVENTH FORTYSEVEN, NY, IN RE DR.
PAUL WILHELM MASSING, WAS, ETAL AND ATTENTION ALSO CALLED TO BULET
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DATED NOVEMBER FIVE FORTY SEVEN TO BOSTON AND NY WHEREIN SUMMARY INFORMATION AND ALLEGATIONS RE FIELD-S ACTIVITIES SET FORTH. BOSTON WILL LIKEWISE INTERVIEW ~~RAYMOND BRAGG~~, UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE RE KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HISS AND NOEL FIELD AND BETWEEN FIELD AND CHAMBERS. HISS, ACCORDING TO CHAMBERS AND MASSING ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT FIELD FOR SOVIET OR COMINTERN APPARATUS IN WASHINGTON, DC. PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS WITH BRAGG SET FORTH IN BUREAU MEMORANDUM DATED NOVEMBER FIVE FORTYSEVEN TO BOSTON IN FIELD CASE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher

DATE: January 6, 1949

FROM : Mr. L. Whitson *FW*SUBJECT: JAY-DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et al,
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	
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There is attached herewith, a copy of a letter which has been directed to the Philadelphia Division requesting an interview with Mrs. Frances Fussell of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania concerning information she has of activities of Alger Hiss while in the State Department, particularly concerning an incident in connection with the return of certain Yugoslav ships to Yugoslavia by this country.

ACTION:

It is recommended that this material be transmitted to the Liaison Section with instructions to review the State Department file which concerns the incident referred to in instant letter.

Enclosure

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SAC, Philadelphia

January 6, 1949

Director, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et al,
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

The following information was made available to the Bureau by D. Vincent Hurley who received the information from Mrs. Frances Russell of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Russell, who was formerly employed in the Central European Unit in the State Department, is now a member of the technical staff of the Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Cooperation. Mrs. Russell was not informed that this information would be furnished to the Bureau, however, Mr. Hurley advised that in the event a further check was desired, it was his belief that she would have no hesitation in furnishing any other details available.

Mrs. Russell stated that early in the week of December 12, 1948 she had a conversation with a man who is presently employed in the CZ Unit in the State Department and with whom she formerly worked. In 1947 she and this man and several others were working on the problem of the Yugoslav ships which had been seized by the United States at the end of the war in the Danube River and which were being withheld from Yugoslavia. The Yugoslavs had made several demands that the ships be returned but the State Department had adopted the position that the ships should not be returned until Russia and her satellites had agreed to the opening of the Danube River to international commercial shipping. She stated that this position had been unanimous in the Central European Unit in the State Department. Mrs. Russell recalled that she and the others working on the problem were dumbfounded last October or November (1947) when an order was issued by President Truman directing that the ships be returned to Yugoslavia forthwith.

According to Mrs. Russell, no one in the State Department knew the reason for this order until the official with whom Mrs. Russell talked had recently had occasion to review the State Department file on this Yugoslav shipping question. It was then noted that a pencilled memorandum by Alger Hiss appeared in this file. It seems that the Yugoslavs, in another attempt to get their ships back, had appealed to the United Nations and the United States official (I believe the name was Ninant but I am not sure) in the United Nations Committee, which had the matter up for discussion, checked with the State Department to determine the United States position in the matter. This official telephoned Mr. Hiss in the State Department. Hiss arranged for Acting Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, to come in on the telephone conversation. Mr. Acheson outlined to the United States representative at the United Nations headquarters the State Department position to the effect that the ships would be held until Russia agreed to open the Danube. The pencilled memorandum of Mr. Hiss summarized this conversation and there was a note then written by Hiss to the effect that he was unalterably opposed to the State Department position and that he would do all in his power to see that it was changed.

JWP:vw

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The next document noted in the file was a copy of the letter which President Truman had signed ordering the ships returned to Yugoslavia. This letter was prepared by Alger Hiss.

You are instructed to promptly interview Mrs. Fussell at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania for any additional data she may have concerning this particular incident and also for any relative data she may have concerning instant case. A check of the State Department file concerning this particular incident is being made by Bureau Liaison.

cc: New York

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/26/49

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, w.as; ALGER HISS ET AL
PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY (R); ESPIONAGE (R)

Reference is made to Boston teletype to the Bureau, New York and Baltimore, requesting Baltimore to cover the undeveloped lead to interview GARDNER JACKSON as set forth in the report of Special Agent MAHLON C. COLLIER at Detroit, Michigan, dated January 10, 1949.

For the information of the Bureau, Mr. JACKSON has a forwarding address of 6 West Kirke Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, and accordingly, Baltimore has been requested to handle this interview. ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

A copy of the report of Special Agent Mahlon C. Collier dated January 10, 1949 is being forwarded as an enclosure with a copy of this letter to the Baltimore office.

Baltimore is advised that the Bureau by teletype dated January 14, 1949 authorized the Boston office to conduct this interview.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 26, 1949

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL;
PERJURY,
ESPIONAGE - R.

Reference is made to New York teletype dated January 21, 1949, reporting the results of an interview that day with CHAMBERS by the New York Agents. In this teletype it was stated that CHAMBERS had related on that day that sometime during the latter part of 1948, he had received a letter from an individual whose name he did not recall but who probably was a contributing editor of "The Farm Journal", published in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. CHAMBERS stated that this letter had been turned over by him to his attorney, Mr. RICHARD F. CLEVELAND, in Baltimore, to assist in the investigation of ALGER HISS in connection with CHAMBERS' defense in the HISS-CHAMBERS libel suit. According to CHAMBERS, the letter in question indicated that the individual connected with "The Farm Journal" had considerable knowledge of ALGER HISS. The Baltimore Office was requested to interview Mr. CLEVELAND and obtain from him all information concerning the contributing editor of "The Farm Journal", and particularly, to obtain from Mr. CLEVELAND or from this individual himself, any letters that may have been written by HISS to him so that they could be compared by the Laboratory with the questioned documents in this case.

On January 25, 1949, in the absence of Mr. RICHARD F. CLEVELAND who was out of the city, Agents of this office interviewed Mr. WILLIAM D. MACMILLAN, an associate of Mr. CLEVELAND in representing Mr. CHAMBERS, at 2500 O'Sullivan Building, Baltimore, Maryland. After reviewing their file, Mr. MACMILLAN discovered that the individual from whom CHAMBERS had received the above mentioned letter was Mr. ROBERT CRUISE McMANUS, addresses shown as Hopewell, New Jersey and 168 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. MACMILLAN also had in his possession a confidential investigative report made by NICHOLAS S. VEZZANA, a private investigator and employed by Mr. DANIEL A. DORAN, to Mr. HAROLD R. MEDINA, Jr., member of the New York law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore. Attached or enclosed with this report was an exhibit containing typewritten copies of all correspondence between McMANUS and ALGER HISS, such correspondence being dated in August and September, 1948. No originals of the McMANUS-HISS correspondence were available, so Agents were unable to ascertain whether the letters from HISS to McMANUS in the original were handwritten or typewritten. It is possible that the originals of the letters from HISS to McMANUS are on the stationery of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York City, as McMANUS, in addressing HISS, addressed him at the Carnegie Endowment in New York City.

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; ET AL; PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.
January 26, 1949.

In the absence of Mr. CLEVELAND, Mr. MACMILLAN was uncertain as to whether or not he should permit Agents to review VEZZANA's investigative report and the above mentioned exhibits without first consulting MEDINA. When Agents explained the fact that Mr. CHAMBERS had originally suggested contacting Mr. CLEVELAND for this information and also explained the nature of the investigation contemplated, Mr. MACMILLAN voluntarily turned over the report and exhibits to the Agents. The Agents presumed that VEZZANA's investigative report was turned over to them for the purpose of reviewing that portion of the report concerning McMANUS. Because Mr. MACMILLAN became engaged with a client at the time this report was turned over to Agents, Agents were permitted to review the report and exhibits in another office where Mr. MACMILLAN was not present. Accordingly, much of the information set out below was obtained in at least a semi-surreptitious manner during a limited period of time available to Agents. However, the manner in which much of the following information was obtained should be borne in mind by other offices when conducting subsequent investigation, particularly in view of New York teletype dated January 25, 1949, which indicates that HAROLD R. MEDINA, Jr. has decided to supply information developed by VEZZANA in connection with his investigation of HISS, not only to the Bureau but also to Mr. EDWARD C. McLEAN, New York attorney for ALGER HISS, which position by MEDINA occasioned the decision on the part of the New York Office to have no further contacts with MEDINA or VEZZANA.

VEZZANA's report reflected the results of investigation conducted by him regarding HISS during the early part of November, 1948. The numerical page sequence of VEZZANA's report extended from pages 50 and 60, on up, a possible indication that there were at least 50 pages of investigation regarding HISS previously reported by VEZZANA. Evidently, the completed report of all investigation conducted regarding HISS by VEZZANA is in MEDINA's possession at New York City, and copies of same undoubtedly in the possession of VEZZANA and DORAN. Apparently, as is the case in the instant segment of VEZZANA's report which was reviewed by Agents, the balance of VEZZANA's report may contain information of value to the Bureau's investigation, or at least valuable investigative leads, such leads probably along the line of proving that ALGER HISS was or is a member of the Communist Party, as that was the chief objective of VEZZANA's investigation in connection with CHAMBERS' defense in the libel suit.

L/Director from Baltimore.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL; PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.
January 26, 1949

According to VEZZANA's report, McMANUS is a writer for "The Farm Journal", the location of "The Farm Journal" not indicated, and has been interested for years in exposing Communism in the farm belt and in agriculture generally. McMANUS has written several articles along this line in the past and has already successfully defended himself in a libel suit which developed as a result of such writing. McMANUS contemplates a further series of articles regarding Communism in the farm belt and possibly a book also. McMANUS represented himself as being anxious to assist CHAMBERS in his defense in the libel suit brought by ALGER HISS because, McMANUS stated, he disbelieved HISS' testimony before the H.C.U.A. and thinks HISS is or was a Communist. McMANUS related the following additional information regarding HISS to VEZZANA.

Sometime in the late 1920's or early 1930's, McMANUS lived in Washington, D.C. with ALGER HISS and a third party who was not named. This apparently was just prior to the marriage of ALGER HISS and PRISCILLA HISS. Therefore, McMANUS claims to know ALGER HISS quite well, at least as of that period. In correspondence with ALGER HISS, McMANUS pointed out that during the early 1930's, it was considered "fashionable" to be a Communist from the standpoint of idealism without any suspicion of disloyalty to the United States, on the part of a rather large segment of Government workers in Washington, D.C. McMANUS pointed out to HISS in the correspondence that he thought ALGER HISS was also among that "fashionable group" at that time. Therefore, in later correspondence, McMANUS expressed surprise that ALGER HISS was not smart enough to admit membership in the Communist Party during the early 1930 period, as a youthful indiscretion which he had subsequently outgrown.

In this correspondence, McMANUS also pointed out to ALGER HISS that HISS was at least a Socialist. He refreshed HISS' memory on an incident in Washington which apparently occurred on the day when PRISCILLA HISS joined the Socialist Party. McMANUS inferred that there might have been some confusion on this occasion and that PRISCILLA HISS had actually joined the Communist Party. In any case, McMANUS told VEZZANA that he thought PRISCILLA HISS had probably in the beginning influenced ALGER HISS to join the Communist Party.

L/Director from Baltimore:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; ET AL; PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R:
January 26, 1947.

McMANUS subsequently followed the career of ALGER HISS to the present. In his first letter to ALGER HISS, which was dated August 5, 1948, McMANUS stated that an un-named confidential source had turned over to McMANUS an account of a purge of Communists from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the Department of Agriculture, by Mr. CHESTER DAVIS. McMANUS told HISS in this letter that he was contemplating writing a series of articles regarding Communism in agriculture and enclosed a copy of this memorandum regarding the purge of the A.A.A. by CHESTER DAVIS. McMANUS asked ALGER HISS for his comments on this memorandum and stated that he wanted such comments, in all fairness to HISS, because ALGER HISS was a part of the story and would have to figure in the writings of McMANUS about Communism in agriculture. HISS replied to McMANUS and stated that the memorandum regarding the agriculture purge had probably been written by some members of the conservative old guard in the Department of Agriculture and stated that it was inaccurate in many respects.

During subsequent correspondence, McMANUS requested and finally obtained, after some stalling tactics on the part of ALGER HISS, a personal interview with HISS which evidently occurred sometime during the latter part of August, 1948. As a result of this direct personal meeting and conference between HISS and McMANUS, McMANUS prepared about a 10-page memorandum, each page of which is divided into two columns. In the left column, headed "Add", McMANUS set forth some facts but mostly conclusions and personal opinions, which would tend to prove that HISS was a Communist. In the right-hand column on each page, headed "Subtract", McMANUS set out counteracting evidence or facts favorable to HISS opposite many of the items appearing in the left-hand column. McMANUS wrote to HISS and enclosed a copy of this 10-page memorandum, requesting the comments of HISS regarding same. HISS in reply endeavored to refute some of the points made by McMANUS but, according to McMANUS, quibbled about minor details and did not even undertake to refute some of the more substantial points made by McMANUS.

In concluding the 10-page memorandum mentioned above, McMANUS said that it was his opinion that HISS fitted into one of the three categories set out below:

L/Director from Baltimore.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, ET AL; PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.
January 26, 1949.

(1) That HISS is an outstanding, patriotic American, and is the victim of unjustified persecution;

(2) Or, HISS is a poor, innocent sucker who has been used as a tool by the Communist Party;

(3) Or, HISS is a clever, highly intelligent and perhaps the most dangerous agent in this country of JOSEF STALIN.

These conclusions are not in the exact wording of McMANUS.

In the "agriculture purge" memorandum mentioned above, some of the other persons mentioned as victims of the purge by Mr. DAVIS and as close associates of ALGER HISS, who incidentally resigned shortly after the purge, were JOHN ABT, LEE PRESSMAN, NATHAN WITT, GARDNER JACKSON, ABEL FORTES and others, all of whom were described as bright, young New Deal lawyers, who had been made available to Government service by JEROME FRANK and FELIX FRANKFURTER. McMANUS in his correspondence with HISS told HISS that he was getting in touch with these other victims of the purge and associates of HISS to obtain their reactions also.

McMANUS also informed VEZZANA that after considerable effort he had succeeded in contacting GARDNER JACKSON, supra, now described by McMANUS as an anti-Communist and who is presently located with the Welch Grape Juice Company at Columbus, Ohio, his home, however, being in Choquit, Massachusetts. McMANUS pointed out that JACKSON, in addition to being a former employee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, had also been an employee of Farmers' Union and an employee of "P.M.", the New York newspaper. It was evident that JACKSON was cooperative, at least to some extent, with McMANUS; and it should be noted that ALGER HISS guessed GARDNER JACKSON as a suspected author of the memorandum on the "agriculture purge". According to McMANUS, JACKSON told McMANUS on the telephone that he thinks ALGER HISS is a Communist.

McMANUS also indicated that he had written a letter to Mr. CHESTER DAVIS, former head of the A.A.A., enclosing a copy of the "agriculture purge" memorandum and requesting the comments of Mr. DAVIS. It was indicated that Mr. DAVIS can presently be located in care of the Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis, Missouri. According to McMANUS,

L/Director from Baltimore.

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Mr. DAVIS replied and indicated in his letter that the "agriculture purge" memorandum very accurately reflected the situation. Portions of this letter from Mr. DAVIS, McMANUS withheld from VEZZANA for reasons of confidence. It is possible that McMANUS withheld other information from VEZZANA in view of VEZZANA's status as a private investigator.

McMANUS related to VEZZANA; according to the latter's report, that he was not entirely "philanthropic" in desiring to help Mr. CHAMBERS. McMANUS suggested an exchange of information between himself and VEZZANA along mutually helpful lines. In fact, McMANUS suggested to VEZZANA that in return for the assistance of McMANUS, McMANUS would appreciate the opportunity to consult with Mr. CHAMBERS for confirmation of information in his possession and for additional information which McMANUS in turn would use in writing his articles. Apparently, no such collaboration between McMANUS and CHAMBERS was ever arranged.

It is suggested that McMANUS be interviewed immediately for any and all information in his possession regarding ALGER HISS, especially for facts or evidence which might assist in proving that ALGER HISS is or ever was a member of the Communist Party, and for leads which might result in developing such evidence. The above detailed information is set out so that the Agents interviewing McMANUS cannot be misled by McMANUS as to the nature and extent of the information in his possession regarding HISS. McMANUS may be entirely cooperative and furnish all the information set out above and additional information, which would preclude the necessity of revealing the source of the above information. It is also possible that McMANUS may endeavor to make a deal with Bureau Agents for exchange of information along the same lines as the deal he endeavored to make with VEZZANA.

In his investigative report, VEZZANA reported other investigation in addition to the McMANUS angle, which may be helpful to the Bureau in conducting further investigation regarding ALGER HISS. As indicated above, this additional information from VEZZANA's report was obtained by Agents surreptitiously without the knowledge of Mr. MACMILLAN. VEZZANA conducted investigation during the early part of November, 1948, at both Frenchtown, New Jersey, and New Hope, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of locating the cottage occupied by the CHAMBERS family in about 1936, at which time CHAMBERS was using the name DAVID BREEN. In view of the fact that the Newark and Philadelphia Offices are currently conducting investigations along these same lines, the following information is set out from VEZZANA's report as of possible assistance to these offices.

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This investigation conducted by VEZZANA at Frenchtown, New Jersey, and New Hope, Pennsylvania, was based on information furnished by CHAMBERS, which information is evidently identical with that furnished by CHAMBERS to Bureau Agents which has occasioned the current Bureau investigations at these locations. The basic facts supplied by CHAMBERS resulting in VEZZANA's investigation were that CHAMBERS had occupied a cottage in the vicinity of Frenchtown with MAXIM ~~LEIBER~~ for a two-month period during the middle 1930's, during which period Mrs. HISS visited CHAMBERS at this cottage near Frenchtown, New Jersey.

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Investigation at Frenchtown, New Jersey

VEZZANA in his report recounted his investigative efforts including his contacts with several hotel operators and real estate men in the vicinity of Frenchtown, New Jersey, which resulted in his locating the cottage occupied by CHAMBERS in a small village known as Smittstown, Pennsylvania, located in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, approximately three or four miles outside Frenchtown, New Jersey. VEZZANA also attempted to locate an individual named BUCO (phonetic) who, according to CHAMBERS, was the real estate agent who had rented the cottage. VEZZANA determined that the owner of the cottage occupied by CHAMBERS was a Mrs. NORMA BROWN, 1131 South 46th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. His inquiry at this address reflected that Mrs. BROWN had just left Philadelphia on a trip to Arizona and further investigation by VEZZANA turned up Mr. JOSEPH R. BOUCOT, undoubtedly the BUCO (phonetic) mentioned by CHAMBERS. BOUCOT was located by VEZZANA residing at 143 West Coulter Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who upon interview, advised VEZZANA that Mrs. NORMA BROWN, the owner of the cottage, was his sister, and further, that he, BOUCOT, had acted as a real estate agent for the cottage then owned by BOUCOT's uncle during the years 1934-38. BOUCOT was unable to identify current photographs of either HISS or CHAMBERS exhibited to him by VEZZANA. BOUCOT stated, however, that his sister, Mrs. NORMA BOUCOT BROWN, supra, had actually lived in a cottage adjacent to the one occupied by CHAMBERS and could probably furnish the desired information. He advised VEZZANA that Mrs. NORMA BOUCOT BROWN was then residing at 734 Park Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, care of her son, PAUL BROWN. BOUCOT pointed out to VEZZANA that if inquiry were made at the address of PAUL BROWN, care should be taken that Mrs. NORMA BOUCOT BROWN be asked for, since the wife of PAUL BROWN was also named NORMA BROWN. BOUCOT further advised that

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Mrs. NORMA BOUCOT BROWN was actually en route to an undisclosed address in Arizona. It is pointed out that this investigation was conducted early in November, 1948, and the possibility exists that Mrs. NORMA BOUCOT BROWN has now returned to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Investigation at New Hope, Pennsylvania.

VEZZANA's report reflected investigation conducted by him to locate the real estate agent who had rented a cottage to CHAMBERS as DAVID BREEN, the alias being used by CHAMBERS at the time, which was probably in the middle 1930's. CHAMBERS recalled, according to VEZZANA's report, that in obtaining this cottage in the vicinity of New Hope, Pennsylvania, he was required to list a reference and had given as a reference ALGER HISS.

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VEZZANA located the cottage five miles out of New Hope, Pennsylvania, and determined the owners to be Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS MARSHALL, New Hope, Pennsylvania. Interview with the MARSHALLS reflected that the BREENS had occupied the cottage probably in 1936 at a time immediately preceding the birth of CHAMBERS' second child. The MARSHALLS recalled that Mrs. BREEN (Mrs. CHAMBERS) had during the period of occupancy, advised them that Mr. BREEN (Mr. CHAMBERS) was in Chicago.

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VEZZANA further learned through the MARSHALLS that during the period of occupancy, the BREENS had a maid named MAUD. Through further conversation with the MARSHALLS and subsequent investigation, VEZZANA identified MAUD as Mrs. MAUD SWANSON, nee SAMSEL, who was at that time residing in care of an aunt, MAUD SAMSEL, River Road, Lahaska, Pennsylvania. At least insofar as the report reviewed by Agents was concerned, VEZZANA never interviewed Mrs. MAUD SWANSON. With regard to her, he did learn however, that while working for the BREENS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The above incident of MAUD's [REDACTED] during her employment by the BREENS is mentioned because it may serve to refresh her memory of the period when she worked for the BREENS, during subsequent interview with Bureau Agents.

Further investigation was conducted by VEZZANA to locate the real estate agents since the allegation is that the name ALGER HISS was given to them as a reference by CHAMBERS in connection with renting the cottage at New Hope, Pennsylvania. Mr. THOMAS MARSHALL, owner of the

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cottage, advised VEZZANA that the only real estate agents he had used were a Mr. PITCOCK and a Mr. ROBERTS, recalling further that he, MARSHALL, had insisted that a reference be given by any prospective tenant for the cottage. He pointed out that either PITCOCK or ROBERTS would possibly have this information and that although PITCOCK was at the present time seriously ill, the information might possibly be available at his office. There was no further mention of Mr. ROBERTS and no further indication in VEZZANA's report that further investigation along this line was conducted, at least with any positive results.

In his investigative report, VEZZANA also set out the results of an interview regarding HISS with BEN ~~X~~STOLBERG, Hotel Chelsea, 222 West 23rd Street, New York City. The only pertinent information developed by VEZZANA in this interview was to the effect that STOLBERG had learned from LOUIS ~~X~~BUDENZ that in an executive meeting of the Communist Party, HISS had been characterized as all right and a person who could be relied upon. It is believed that the Bureau has obtained similar information regarding HISS directly from BUDENZ.

In this same investigative report, VEZZANA also set out the results of an interview regarding HISS with JAMES ~~X~~LOVESTONE who apparently defected from the Communist Party about 1929, International Ladies Garment Union Building, 1710 Broadway, New York City. In this interview, LOVESTONE stated that he had met HISS subsequent to his defection from the Communist Party but did not mention the circumstances under which he had met HISS. LOVESTONE furnished no information to VEZZANA, according to his report, which would indicate that HISS was or is a member of the Communist Party. Apparently, during this interview, LOVESTONE was rather evasive with VEZZANA, even though VEZZANA pointed out in his report that LOVESTONE had cooperated with Cravath, Swaine and Moore in connection with several previous libel suits involving Time, Inc.

In view of the attitude of HAROLD R. MEDINA, as indicated above from New York teletype of January 25, 1949, it is possible that the same attitude with reference to the Bureau may develop in the relationships of the Baltimore Office with CHAMBERS' Baltimore attorneys, RICHARD F. CLEVELAND and WILLIAM D. MACMILLAN. With this thought in mind, the above information is set out in detail because this source of information for the Baltimore Office may subsequently be terminated also. In view of the circumstances under which the above material was

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obtained, it is contemplated that the information will probably not be set out in an investigative report in the same manner or in as great detail.

The possibility exists that the complete reports of the investigation of VEZZANA may contain investigative leads of considerable value to the Bureau. It is suggested therefore, that the Bureau may desire, despite the fact that the New York Office contemplates no further contacts with VEZZANA, to contact VEZZANA for a copy of the report of his complete investigation regarding HISS, for the New York law firm of Gravath, Swaine and Moore. As an alternative, it is suggested that the Bureau may desire to convey this information to Mr. THOMAS J. DONEGAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General at New York City, with a view to having Mr. DONEGAN issue a subpoena duces tecum for VEZZANA's appearance with the investigative reports before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York.

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There are being transmitted herewith, photographs of both Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for the benefit of the Savannah and Cleveland Divisions, together with a large photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for the Savannah Division, as per Washington Field Office teletype of this date.

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AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

January 31, 1949

Director, FBI

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL
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Dear Sir:

Mr. ANTHONY L. MICHEL, attorney, law firm of Gardner, Carton and Douglas, 33 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, voluntarily advised Special Agent ROBERT J. WILSON, incidental to interview this date, that EDWARD C. MC LEAN of the law firm Debevois, Plimpton and Mc Lean, which firm is representing ALGER HISS in instant case, had advised him by letter of recent date that he was planning to contract for the services of HERBERT J. WALTER, 100 North La Salle Street, who is an expert on handwriting and typewritten documents. Mr. MICHEL advised that MC LEAN had instructed him to make preliminary arrangements with WALTER and that MC LEAN had indicated in his letter that he was going to contact a Mr. FEARON of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for services in a like capacity.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Pittsburgh Office inasmuch as the Bureau may desire to determine the identity of the Mr. FEARON mentioned in MC LEAN's letter to MICHEL.

Very truly yours,

G. R. McSwain
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Special Agent in Charge

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Rerep of Special Agent JAMES FREW, dated
January 28, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

It is noted that the synopsis reflects that
FRANKLIN V. RENO was employed by WPA from September 10,
1935 to June 30, 1947. This latter date is in error, and
should read 1937.

It is suggested that the necessary correction
be made in copies of the above report received by your
office.

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cc - New York (Spec. Del.)
(1 - Mr. T. J. DONEGAN,
Special Assistant to the
Attorney General, NYC)

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RICHARD T. BELL, 1235 Wisconsin Avenue, advised Agent HAWKINS that he was organist in charge of the choir at Christ Church. He stated he had received a letter from Dr. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG who stated he had been contacted by HISS as to his (ALGER's) son's attendance at the church and participation in the choir. BELL stated he did not answer the letter as he could not recall anyone named HISS. He stated he remembered TIMOTHY HOBSON being in the choir "off and on" about 1935-36. He was not acquainted with either ALGER or PRISCILLA or CHAMBERS.

Mr. AUSTIN KNIGHT, 2303 South 26th Street, Arlington, Virginia, advised Special Agent CARL DeTEMPLE that he was a member of the choir at Christ Episcopal Church and recalled TIMOTHY HOBSON singing in this choir for about two years about eight or ten years ago. He states that to the best of his recollection he knew HOBSON about one year prior to their membership in the same Boy Scout troop and that this association took place while both were members of the choir. It might be noted that twelve years is the minimum age for Boy Scout membership and that KNIGHT having been born in 1926, could not have belonged before 1938. He stated that he could not specifically recall TIMOTHY HOBSON being involved in an accident during their association. HOBSON was injured by an auto in February, 1937. KNIGHT did not know that HOBSON was the step-son of ALGER HISS nor did he know ALGER, PRISCILLA or CHAMBERS.

Philadelphia teletype of January 20, 1949, reflects interview with Reverend J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, who stated he only vaguely recalls ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS but states he had visited their home on one or two occasions as a parson.

In view of the fact that it appears HISS may attempt to discredit CHAMBERS' testimony by reference to the statements he has made that HISS was forbidden to attend church, it is suggested New York may desire to point out the information in this letter to Special Assistant to the Attorney General, T. J. DONEGAN.

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FROM: GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

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Report of Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON, January 14, 1949, at Chicago, Illinois regarding interview of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE H. BLACKWELL. The BLACKWELLS made available a carbon copy of a letter from HISS addressed to Reverend J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG dated October 20, 1948. In this letter HISS states he is engaged in demonstrating that statements by CHAMBERS are untrue. He states that one of these "fantasies" was that HISS was forbidden to go to church and that the time to which CHAMBERS would be referring would begin in early Winter of 1935, and extend for a year or two. HISS stated that this coincided with the Spring when he moved to 2395 E Street in Georgetown which would be about the time Reverend ARMSTRONG came to Christ Church.

HISS believed that either in the Spring or Fall of 1935, he and his wife began occasionally to attend Christ Church services and that about that time TIM (TIM ROBSON) became one of the choir boys. HISS continued in the letter that their interest in Christ Church continued as they attended regularly, but that TIM ceased his activities in the choir because of a serious accident on February 19, 1937. HISS asked Reverend ARMSTRONG to write him concerning the attendance of Mr. and Mrs. HISS at the Christ Church and TIMMY's activity in the choir.

In testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, CHAMBERS was asked: "Did he go to church?"

"Mr. CHAMBERS: He was forbidden to go to church.

"Question: Do you know whether he was a member of a church?"

"Mr. CHAMBERS: I don't know."

Reverend JOHN R. ANSCHUTZ, Christ Episcopal Church, Georgetown, D. C., advised Special Agent HERBERT S. HAWKINS that he had been with this church since November, 1944, and that although he did not know the HISSes personally he had heard from members of his congregation, just who he could not recall, that the HISSes had probably attended some sermons at the church and that ANTHONY HISS had attended Sunday School for a time. A systematic search of the church records failed to disclose any record or correspondence of the HISSes and Reverend ANSCHUTZ stated this indicated they had no official connection with the church.

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